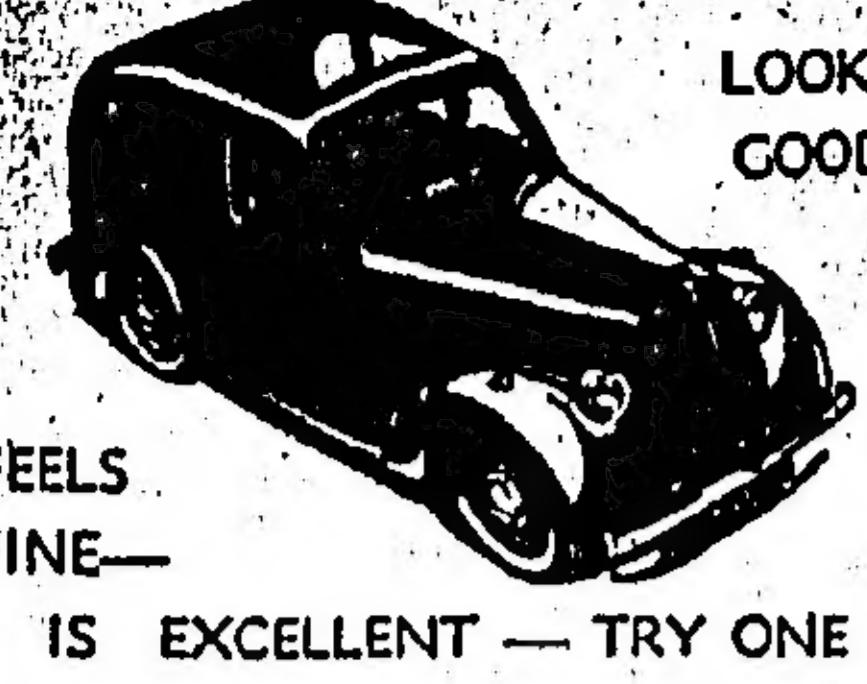


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CHAMBERLAIN APPEALS TO UNION CHIEFS

But No Specific Plan To Be Put Forward

London, Mar. 23.

After a meeting this evening of Mr. Neville Chamberlain and Sir Thomas Inskip, Minister for the Co-ordination of Defence, with the full General Council of the Trade Union Congress, a *communiqué* was issued which stated:

The Prime Minister told the Congress representatives that he did not intend to submit specific proposals to secure the acceleration of the defence programme the Government required. It is for the leaders of the different sections of industry, employers and employees, to discuss ways in which they can best give the Government the assistance needed.

The Premier said that the object of meeting the General Council was to ask its goodwill and help, and to express confidence that with its knowledge of the issues at stake, it will accede to his request.

The Trades Union Council undertook to give the Premier's important statement careful consideration at the earliest possible date.

Mr. Chamberlain has invited the National Confederation of Employers' Organisations to meet him on the same subject.

It is noteworthy that this was the first time the Trades Union Council has visited No. 10 Downing Street since the General Strike in 1926.

It is officially understood that the Premier hinted, even if it was not directly mentioned, the possibility of training semi-skilled and unskilled labour, the relaxation of the Trade Union apprenticeship schemes, and the introduction of labour to engineering trades and other industries.

PREMIER EXPLAINS

The communiqué issued after the meeting explained that the General Council of the T.U.C. attended in response to the Prime Minister's request. (Continued on Page 4.)

STOP PRESS

LIUCHIU SOLDIERS COMMIT SUICIDE

Lin, Shantung, Mar. 24. The corpses of eight Liuchiu soldiers in the Japanese army who committed suicide by hanging themselves were found at Tangtouchen by Chinese troops under the command of General Pang Ping-hsun yesterday. A slip of paper found on one of the corpses stated that they were natives of the Liuchiu Islands which were formerly a Chinese dependency but were annexed by Japan during the Ching dynasty, and that they would not fight against their fatherland. —Central News.

JAPANESE SURROUNDED, DEFEATED

Chengchow, March 24. Chinese forces which crossed the Yellow River in north Honan attacked the Japanese troops stationed at Wenzhien and Menghsien yesterday morning.

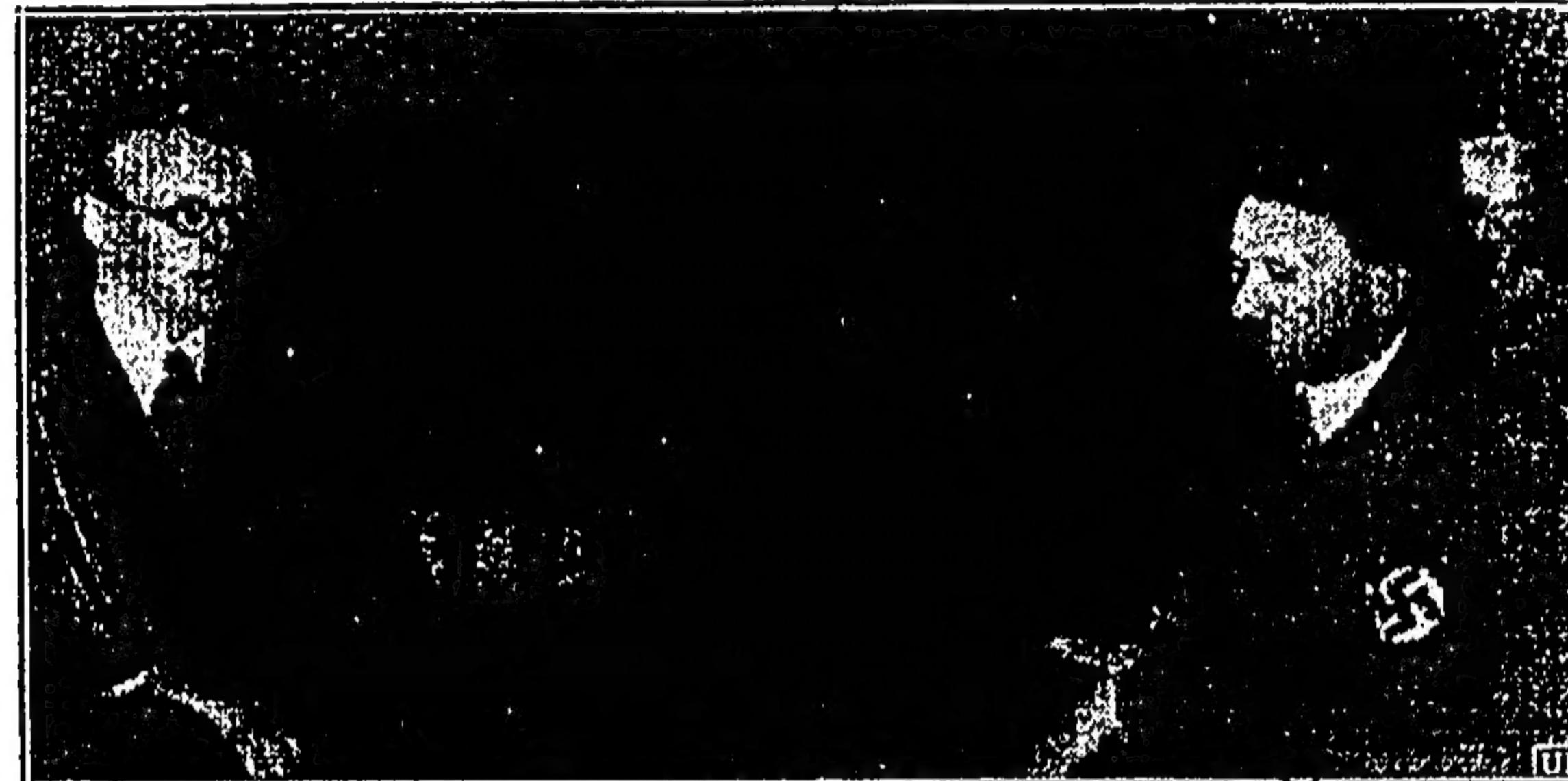
A part of the Japanese troops at Menghsien were enveloped and badly defeated at Kankouching, a point south-west of the city. Four Japanese field pieces were captured.

Wenzhien is besieged by the Chinese. There are about 500 Japanese troops inside the city. —Central News.

(Further Stop Press News on Page 12.)

Interned Soldiers Fight Way to Freedom

SEYSS-INQUART SEES "CHIEF"



CHINESE KILL ONE FRENCH POLICEMAN IN NIGHT REVOLT

Authorities Now Combing All Shanghai For Band of Escaped Men

Shanghai, Mar. 24.

Three hundred Chinese ex-soldiers, who were interned in the concentration camp in French Concession, and who had since taken refuge in the Concession after the evacuation of Nantao four months ago, revolted last night.

With the aid of smuggled arms, knives and clubs, they tried to hack their way through the barbed wire fence round the camp and to overcome the guards.

Several shots were fired, and one Tonkinese French policeman was killed, while between 20 and 30 Chinese escaped before order was restored.

Extra guards are now on duty in the camp while the French Concession and International Settlement police are searching Chinese lodging houses and hotels for those who escaped, some of whom are reported to be armed.—Reuter.

ANTI-NAZI PLOT UNMASKED

Many Arrests Made In Berlin

Berlin, Mar. 23.

The secret police have succeeded in tracking down the organisers of the German Freedom Party, following months of effort to discover the authors of mysterious wireless messages and pamphlets urging the people to overthrow the Nazis.

It is reliably learned that 46 men and women have been arrested, belonging to all classes, including two editors, a former Reichstag Deputy, and some civil servants.

They await trial in the dreading People's Court on a charge of high treason.—Reuter.

VATICAN PROTESTS TO FRANCO

Priests Killed And Churches Sacked

Vatican City, Mar. 23.

His Holiness the Pope has sent an appeal to the Insurgents in Spain regarding the bombardments of Barcelona in which a large number of civilians were killed.

The urgent appeal is made on the Pope's own initiative and is independent of the action of other Powers.

A previous appeal made by the Pope last month received a favourable reply from General Francisco Franco, Insurgent leader.

The Pope also pointed out the atrocities suffered by Catholic priests and churches.

It is stated that 20 priests were killed when the Insurgents entered Teruel, while the two churches which remained standing were sacked by Insurgent troops.—Reuter Bulletin.

PROMISE OF WITHDRAWAL

London, Mar. 23. It is reliably reported that Italy has promised Britain to withdraw all Italian troops from Spain "after the Nationalists' victory is assured" and providing Britain recognises Ethiopia without waiting for the League of nations' assent.—United Press.

RELIGIOUS COURTS DISPERSED

Jerusalem, Mar. 23. The High Commissioner in Palestine has ordered the dismantling of religious courts, states a Government communiqué to-day.—Reuter Bulletin.

Czecho-Slovakian Bonds Crash

London, Mar. 23. Czecho-Slovakian bonds crashed to-day, unsettling the entire list of

JAPANESE ATTACKERS ROUGHLY HANDLED AND DRIVE LIKELY TO FAIL

Chengyangkwan, Mar. 24.

The collapse of the Japanese southward drive is imminent, according to competent military observers.

These observers point out that the southward drive launched by the Japanese after their failure to bridge the gap on the Tientsin-Pukow railway line by a northward drive from Linhwaikwan and Pingpu has already suffered serious setbacks at Tenghsien, Hanchwang, Lincheng and Lini during the last few days, which greatly affected the morale of the Japanese troops. Further reverses will result in the total collapse of their lines on the northern sector of the railway, it is believed.

Owing to the lack of man power it is almost impossible for the Japanese to launch simultaneous drives on the north and the south sectors of the railway line and even if they did the Chinese lurking on both sides of the railway can cut their communication lines and encircle them at any point.—Central News.

Hospitals Packed With Wounded

Hsichow, Mar. 24.

An average of a thousand Japanese wounded soldiers are sent back to the Japanese rear everyday, according to military intelligence reports.

All field and base hospitals of the Japanese along the Peiping-Hankow Railway are now packed to capacity. It is stated that the Japanese military command has petitioned the home government for funds to open more hospitals in North China.

Central News.

EXPLAINS REMOVAL OF MR. MORGAN

Washington, Mar. 23.

In advising Congress of the removal of Mr. Arthur Morgan from office, President Franklin Roosevelt asserted that evidence at the White House hearings on the T. V. A. dispute showed that Mr. Morgan, who was chairman of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Administration, had made grave and libellous charges of dishonesty against his fellow directors, and had refused to sustain the charges, while charges by other directors that Mr. Morgan had obstructed the work of the T. V. A. were substantiated by proof which had not been refuted.—Reuter.

SUGAR AGREEMENT IS RATIFIED

Washington, Mar. 23.

President F. D. Roosevelt has ratified the international-sugar agreement.—Reuter.

DENY ANGLO-JAPANESE AGREEMENT

Shanghai, Mar. 24.

In connection with reports circulated by American news agency that "Japanese sources are alleging that the British Ambassador, Sir Archibald Clark Kerr and Mr. Masayuki Tani, Japanese Minister at Large, are nearing an agreement on their respective interests in North and South China", the British Embassy yesterday issued the following statement:

"Sir Archibald Clark Kerr and Mr. Tani have held numerous conversations recently, discussing local matters, but no negotiations of any general character are either being conducted or are in prospect."—Reuter.

Britons Are Advised To Leave Vienna

London, Mar. 23.

British consular officials are advising British subjects in Austria to leave the country for the time being, unless business and other ties necessitate their presence.

In connection with this advice, it is learned that some visitors encountered a certain brusqueness from Austrian Nazi authorities with regard to tours in Austria, being advised to select another holiday venue.—Reuter.

Japan Stops Shipping On Yangtse

Portuguese Vessel Turned Back

Shanghai, Mar. 24.

A Portuguese steamer operating on the Yangtse was stopped by the Japanese and forced to return to Shanghai. This is the first incident since the promulgation of the new internal waterway and shipping laws introduced by the Japanese on February 21.

The Japanese authorities have now decided that they are "investigating", and the Portuguese Consul is also making enquiries.

British shipping firms in Shanghai report that they have not yet been officially informed of the new regulations which appeared only in the press. Therefore they are not approaching the Japanese authorities for permits.—Reuter.

REMAINING OPEN

Shanghai, Mar. 24.

It is authoritatively stated that reports published in London and also Tokyo, emanating from a Japanese news agency, to the effect that the A.P.C. and other oil companies have closed their offices in Tientsin, are inaccurate.

The positions of the companies are that they have merely curtailed business temporarily, but that their offices are remaining open.—Reuter.

ROOSEVELT FIGHTS FOR WAGE LAW

Carries Campaign Into South

New York, Mar. 23.

Carrying the wages and hours fight into the heart of the south, President Franklin Roosevelt, speaking at Gainesville, Georgia, struck hard at southern industrial practices, when he said that most of their wages were too low.

National progress and prosperity were being held back chiefly on account of the selfishness of a few.

The aggressive tone of President Roosevelt's speech is regarded in Washington as an attempt to overcome by direct appeal to the electorate the recent tendency towards revolt in the democratic congressional majority.

It is predicted that President Roosevelt will take an active part in the congressional campaign this year with a view to bolstering his strength as party leader.—Reuter.

LEAN TO FASCISM

Gainesville, Mar. 23.

President Roosevelt, in his first major address for three months, blamed the selfishness of a few citizens for retarding national progress and prosperity. He said those who believed that feudalism was the "best system" were leaning towards Fascism.

"When you come down to it, there is little difference between the feudal system and the fascist system," said the President.

He warned Congress not to cease its fight for social and economic reforms, exclaiming: "The United States is rising and rebuilding on sounder foundations. We propose to go forward, not back."

He deplored low wages and the low purchasing power in the southern States, and expressed satisfaction that the citizenry were "coming more and more to see that the continuation of the American system calls for the elimination of special privileges, the dissemination of the whole of the truth, and participation in prosperity by the people at the bottom of the ladder, as well as by those in the middle and at the top."—United Press.

PLAN YOUR MEALS

by
Anne
Selby

EARLIER this week Anne Selby gave advice on planning meals for six days of spring-cleaning. To-day she concludes the recipes.

BAKED LEG OF LAMB. Get the butcher to take out the bone, and insert a small clove of garlic in the centre. Tie into shape, brown in dripping, then put in a casserole with braising vegetables, an onion stuck with cloves, some herbs and about $\frac{1}{2}$ pint stock. Cook in slow oven for 2½ to 3 hours.

BANANA CANOES. Take the fruit from some bananas, leaving the skins whole. Chop the pulp with the pulp from 2 oranges (for 4 bananas), mix with two slices of chopped pineapple, sprinkle with lemon juice and caster sugar and fill the boats with the mixture.

APRICOT SLICES. Cut a slice of apricot Swiss roll for each person, put a large spoonful of thinned or whipped cream on each, and then two overlapping pieces of timmed apricot.

TANGERINE JELLIES. Melt a packet of orange jelly, and when nearly setting add a small tin milk. Pour into individual bowls and put pieces of tangerine on top.

PINEAPPLE and MARSHMALLOW WHIP. Drain the juice from a tin of pineapple, and in it soak 8oz. of marshmallows cut into pieces. Leave in a cool place for some hours, and when wanted mix lightly with the chopped pineapple. Heap in a dish and serve very cold.

Marmalade with A Tang

THIS orange and honey marmalade will meet with the family's approval.—To 1 quart of the juice and pulp of Seville oranges allow 2 lbs. clear honey, and 1 lb. orange rind.

Peel the oranges, and boil the rind in water, and when tender, cut with a pair of scissors into strips.

Remove all pips, then put the pulp and juice together with the honey and strips of rind into the preserving pan. Boil all together for about 30 minutes. Test on plate. Then pour into jars and cover when quite cold.

Orange and Ginger

Wipe 1 lb. Seville oranges and place in saucepan with 2 pints water. Bring to the boil, and allow to simmer gently for 1 hour. Leave till cold, then drain. (The rind need not be tender as it is not required.)

Cut the oranges into quarters, scrape out the pulp, and rub through a wire sieve. It will practically all rub through with the exception of the pips.

Put the pulp back in the water in which the oranges were boiled, add 2 lbs. sugar, and cook slowly till sugar dissolved. Then bring to the boil. Cut up $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. ginger into small cubes, and add. Boil all together 20-30 minutes till it gels when tested on a plate.

Tangerine Marmalade

Having first wiped and weighed them—put 20 Seville oranges and 6 tangerines into preserving pan with water in proportion. (To each pound of fruit allow $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. sugar, and $\frac{1}{2}$ pints water.) Cover with a plate to keep the fruit under water and boil gently about 1½ hour till rinds are tender. The tangerines will not take so long to cook as the oranges, and should be removed from the pan as soon as done.

When oranges are cooked sufficiently—turn into large basin with the water, and leave till next day. Then cut oranges and tangerines into quarters, scrape out pulp and rub through a sieve. Slice the rinds as finely as possible (or pass through mincing or marmalade machine.)

Place rinds in basin with pulp and water. Now measure pulp, etc. into pan—add sugar and boil about 40 minutes till it gels. This is a delicious marmalade; and it is worth while making a good quantity of it.

With Tomatoes

Wipe 7 Seville oranges, and, with a sharp knife, cut the oranges in thin slices right across, and through skin and pulp. The pips will easily fall out during this process, and should be dropped into a little water.

Put 7 pints cold water into a large basin with the slices as they are cut. Allow to soak 24 hours. Wipe 7 medium-sized tomatoes, and plate in boiling water.

Remove skins, cut into slices, and place in a preserving pan with the oranges, and 1 pint only of the water strained from pips. Boil minus sugar 1½ hour. By then the skins will be tender, so add 7 lbs. loaf sugar, and boil for another half-hour.



Paris Evening Stars

By

Jill Adam

IN Paris the afternoon mood prevails till well into the evening, and slender folded dresses, long-sleeved and worn with hats, go out to dinner and to the theatre.

So perhaps the real glamour drama dresses are so varied because they are designed mainly for London and New York: no unifying set of ideas seems to run through a Paris season of evening dresses as it does in the case of day clothes.

Half a dozen shows alone provide enough variety to fill a dozen ballrooms: so this first evening bulletin is simply to tell about some of the new lines and colours, and makes no attempt to sum up trends.

Dinner Dresses

One tailored dinner suit at Creed's had a classic air: it had a slim trailing black skirt and a pale butter yellow direttore packet of ribbed surah silk.

On the other hand, almost the opposite line was shown at Piguet's: instead of a slenderly fitting top, a vastly full blouse gathered into a waistband was worn over a slim low-backed affair.

There was one worn over a parrot green crepe low-backed affair, the matching bolero trimmed with a border of stiff cartridge pleating, plus a purple corsage bouquet.

In yet another category comes Vera Borea's nun-like dinner dress, its sleeves and full, soft crepe, its tiny skirt of black crepe, its tiny high corsage of crisp white lace.

High Glamour

For important evenings, please note the following innovations:

1. The wedge-shaped neckline, and rows of bows: seen on several of Piguet's dresses. A pink crepe one had bands of pale blue ribbed surah, and you purple sequins tied round it.

2. The corset line. Yes, I pale pleated chiffon. And they mean corset, not corsetlet.

One liked a dancing dress of supple black dress had a top of pale Persian brocade, rose and mauve blue satin with black lace frills, and amber flowered, worn with exactly, but exactly, like one's head veils of amber and grandmother's best evening amethyst chiffon. And a honey-corset. Do not ask me whether coloured brocade dress cut like this is, or is not, beautiful.

3. On the other hand, the honey, rose and blue, of chiffon in three colours, of chiffon in three colours,

Summer Evenings

Some of the pleasantest evening dresses are the simple country or holiday ones, delicate drapery across the front decolletage, giving a high though bogus bust line. Push flowers through the shrubbery at dusk, tough enough to sit on the lawn or at a seaside cafe table.

For Ever Hellas

It is always a relief, after a bolero of scarlet felt, Anny Blatt's exquisitely hand-knitted

packet of bright ideas, to see a few pure Greek dresses, like thread dresses: Moinau, blue Heim's Melopome, for young and lacy as a misted summer sky: Ibis, cyclamen-pink with a chiffon, moulded to the figure by fluted skirt. These hand-knitted

girls, a column of crystal pleated skirt, bands of baby lace. Or Germaine Bally's Acropole, two than most things for cruising, round the waist, one round the tiers of chalky crepe, crystal too: and her dressing-gowns, hips. And in case you think this might be fattening, the bands and held by a twisted gold belt really come into the category

of a casual and contemporary dress brought the house down, dinner-at-home dresses.

Not many evening pyjamas: But everyone liked, too, a but Bally showed one of Venus rising from the foam diagonal striped chiffon in hot

in one or two dresses with a sort of dress: the top entirely Mexican colours, worn over a

of pearly paillettes in sea-shell tiny slip and trunks of vivid

colours, iridescent pink, nauti-green chiffon. Evidently for

ladies, which remain one of the best ways of turning a full low a very well moulded hip

evening dress into a dinner line.

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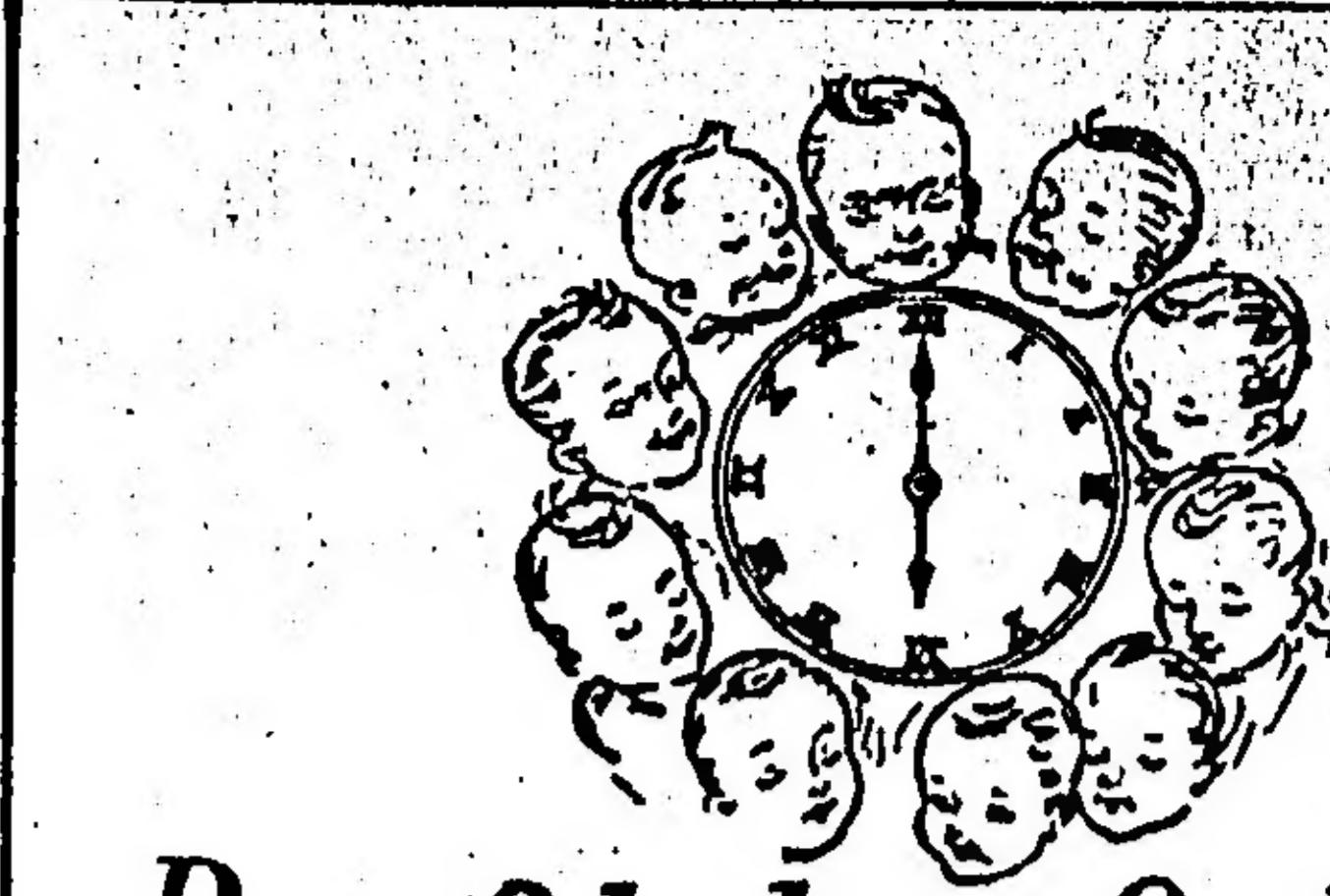
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MR. D. F. KARAKA, 26-year-old Indian and first coloured man to become president of the Oxford Union, has found a colour bar against him in England.

In hotels and trains, at public dances, he has been spurned because of his colour.

In "I Go West" (Michael Joseph, 10s. 6d.), he instances an occasion when he called at a tourist agency to collect the tickets he had booked for himself and a friend for a conducted tour.

"AS A SPANIARD"

A woman official asked for his passport.

"When she saw the mark of His Majesty's Government of India her face fell. She surveyed me . . . and out came words that staggered me: 'You may pass off as a Spaniard, but will your friend?'

"They returned my deposit, and even that as a special favour."

After attending the Coronation with a woman friend, occupying seats given to him by India House, Mr. Karaka's day was spoiled by a London taxi-driver who, remonstrated with for courtesy, called him "half-caste."

"Isn't it strange," Mr. Karaka asks, "that if there is a coloured man in a bus or a tube the seat next to him is the last to be filled?"

AT DANCES

"Isn't it strange that if a dark young man goes to a palais de danse at a seaside resort or in the suburbs of London all the dance-hostesses appear to be engaged—these same women who are yours for sixpence?"

"If there is no place in the countries of Europe for the dark races of the Orient then there is no place in the countries of Asia and Africa for the white races that have established themselves there. Some day the issue will come to that."

S. F.

ROUGH ON JAP. BIKES



These Japanese army couriers in China were given hurry-up messages to deliver. They jumped on their bicycles and started pedalling. But when they came to the Yellow River, they found that crossing it was a trifle disconcerting. Here they pick their way over the ice, in zero temperature.

Quins' Third Film

Calander, Ontario. "Everybody's Sweethearts" will be the name of the Dionne quintuplets' third feature film, which Twentieth Century-Fox will begin to "shoot" in June. Jean Hersholt will again fill the role of their doctor.

The quins, who are convalescing from colds, were allowed up for a short while to-day. "They'll soon resume their outdoor activities," commented Dr. Dafoe, their medical guardian.

Fire Rushed To Firemen

Elyria, O. "Your truck is on fire," shouted pedestrians as Dennis Robinson sped through downtown streets. "I know it," he yelled. "I'm on my way to the fire station."

EMPIRE NEWS

EPIDEMIC'S TOLL IN AUSTRALIA

Melbourne. The Christmas holidays in State and Catholic schools will be extended by a fortnight to Feb. 15, because of the continuation of the epidemic of infantile paralysis. The decision affects 25,000 children and 9,000 teachers.

It is generally believed in medical circles that the disease will not disappear before the winter begins in May. There have now been 1,095 cases, of which 1,636 are children and 59 adults. Of the 88 deaths recorded 76 were children and 12 adults.

One of the effects of the epidemic noticed by medical men is a decline in scarlet fever owing to widespread isolation of children.

Flying for Schoolboys.—The Government of Tasmania has provided for 1938 a number of scholarships for schoolboys to be trained as gliding and flying pilots.—Reuter.

India

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New Zealand

STANDARD OF LIVING

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For A Completely
Contented World Of Men

BRAIN IS KEY TO PROBLEM

By Brydon Taves

New York, Feb. 15. Will science ever succeed in controlling human emotions?

Dr. Fred Kennedy, eminent neurologist, says it will and predicts a completely contented world in which progress and initiative will cease.

"That day will be a dangerous one," he warned. "We would all become contented, but we would lose our interest in living. It is only the conflict between our intellect and our emotions that makes us human beings."

Kennedy said that the neurologists have "pretty well determined that the hypothalamus, a portion of the mid-brain, controls the moods of human beings. If we go much further in our discovery of the first causes of mental diseases, we may be tempted to lay our hands on personality, as some people in Germany have attempted, without adequate knowledge, to lay their hands eugenically, on the human race."

The control of the human emotions through the hypothalamus, Dr. Kennedy said, would involve the temptation to make everybody contented.

"We would all become mediocre," he asserted. "Progress would end. The Nazis in Germany have undertaken to say that manic-depressive should be sterilized. That is all wrong. The manic-depressives are unhappy individuals, but they are the ones who do the work in this world. Destroy them, and there will be no work done."

While Dr. Kennedy, who is also head of the neurological service at Bellevue Hospital, made his forecast in an address before the Association for Research in Nervous and Mental Diseases in New York, science was being acquitted in Indianapolis on the oft-heard charge that it was a menace to the future of civilization.

The theory that existing economic and social difficulties were the fault of science was vigorously repelled by speakers at a meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

REASONS ANALYSED

"Neither in human nature, nor in social relations, has progress kept pace with science," Dr. Edwin Grant Conklin, retiring president said.

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New York Cotton
 Opening Closing
 May 0.54/53 0.61/62
 July 0.58/60 0.68/69
 October 0.61/62 0.72/72
 December 0.61/61 0.73/73
 Jan. (1939) 0.64/64 0.75/77
 Mar. (1939) 0.66/67 0.76/76
 Spot 0.67

The First Notice Day for May Cotton is April 26.

New York Rubber

May 13.10/11 12.09/89
 July 13.16/13 13.00/02
 September 13.30/32 13.15/18
 December 13.51/47 13.37/38
 January 13.43/43

Sales for the day: 5,440 tons.

Chicago Wheat

May 80 1/4/80 1/4 80 1/4/80 1/4
 July 83 1/4/83 1/4 83 1/4/83 1/4
 Sept. 83 1/4/83 1/4

Tuesday's Sales: 19,207,000 bushels.

Chicago Corn

May 59 1/4/59 1/4 59 1/4/59 1/4
 July 61 1/4/61 1/4 61 1/4/61 1/4
 Sept. 62 1/4/62 1/4

Winnipeg Wheat

May 110 1/4/110 1/4 115 1/4/115 1/4
 July 107 1/4/107 1/4 108 1/4/107 1/4
 October 90 1/4/90 1/4

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE**SWAN, CULBERTSON & FRITZ LATEST REPORTS**

New York, Mar. 23.

S. C. & F. correspondent cables: Stocks: The market is due for a technical rally, but we expect subsequent weakness. The establishment of new bear-market lows is an unfavourable indication.

Cotton: The market showed early weakness on the action of stocks and the repetition of unfavourable statistics. The technical position of the market at present should enable a prompt response to any favourable development, as a scarcity of contracts is apparent on any small upturns in price. The spot and textile markets are sluggish. Intense cultivation of the new-crop on the reduced acreage is indicated.

Wheat: Better cables from abroad, scattered reports of frost and exports of probably over 600,000 bushels had a steady effect on the market.

Corn: The market is steady and conditions are unchanged. Exports totalled 500,000 bushels.

Rubber: February shipment of casings totalled 2,348,940 and of tubes 2,100,620. February production of casings was 2,211,080 and of tubes 2,105,209. February inventories show casings at 10,833,036 and tubes at 10,161,093. The weakness of the Singapore market and free offerings of actual rubber met with little factory interest. Estimates of the probable quota range from "no change" to 50%.

Sugar: The market showed early weakness on scattered liquidation. Prices steadied on Cuban covering, as the United States officially ratified the International Sugar Agreement.

S. C. & F. Dow Jones summary of yesterday's markets:

The entire market to-day touched new lows since 1935. Rail stocks and bonds again showed lows since 1932. Trading was heavy and the

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The Ninety Fourth Yearly General Meeting of the Members of the Hong Kong Club will be held in the Club House on Thursday, the 24th March, 1938, at 5.30 p.m.

By order,

S. R. KERR,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 14th March, 1938.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held in the Offices of the Company, 2 Queen's Building, Hongkong, on Monday, 28th March, 1938, at Noon for consideration of the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1937.

The Share Register and Transfer Book will be closed from 12th to 28th March, 1938, both days inclusive.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

E. COCK,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 3rd March, 1938.

THE INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

The Fifty-seventh Ordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Offices of the General Managers, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on Thursday, 31st March, 1938, at noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, passing the Accounts, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 24th March to 14th April inclusive.

By order of the Board,

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.
General Managers.

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.**Notice to Shareholders.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Society will be held at the HEAD OFFICE, Union Building, Hong Kong, on WEDNESDAY, 13th APRIL, 1938, at 11 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1937, and of declaring Dividend, etc.

The SHARE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from 26th MARCH to 13th APRIL, Both Days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

A. W. HUGHES,
General Manager.
Hongkong, 14th March, 1938.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LTD.**Notice to Shareholders.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SIXTY-NINTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company will be held at its HEAD OFFICE, Union Building, Hong Kong, on WEDNESDAY, 13th APRIL, 1938, at 11.25 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1937, and of declaring Dividend, etc.

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KOWLOON RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION.**THE RENTS QUESTION.**

Following upon an interview with the Rents Commission, those persons who have answered the Association's questionnaire are requested to call upon the Commission between the hours of 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, 26th March, at the Urban Council Chamber, top floor, Post Office Building.

They should bring with them rent receipts, landlord's or solicitor's letters announcing an increase of rent or giving notice to quit, and tenancy agreements, if any.

The Association, being bound to treat all answers to its questionnaire as confidential, is unable to forward them to the Commission. It is therefore important that persons who wish their cases to be considered by the Commission should themselves bring them to the notice of the Commission on Saturday, 26th March.

R. BALDWIN,
Hon. Secretary.

NOTICE

An Old Blues' Dinner will be held on 29th March.

Any Old Blues who have not already been notified by letter are requested to communicate with J. P. McIntyre, at 42, Kennedy Road, Hongkong.

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With the Insurgents at Huesca, Mar. 22.

The sudden and violent attack on the Huesca front to-day surprised the Loyalists and forced their retreat from the 4,000-foot peaks, from where their guns had previously threatened the Huesca base.

It is announced that, for the first time since the civil war started, the Loyalists are not threatening Huesca.

Navarrese Brigades, attacking in the north, captured hundreds of Loyalist troops and seized the towns of Sierra Arasques, Sierra Grazal, Mestia, Corona and Llera, and have advanced ten miles.

Meanwhile Insurgent troops advanced for nine miles from Almudeva and caught the Loyalists in a pocket outside Huesca late at night. Pressure has also been brought on Almeria, seven miles to the west along the Jaen highway.

The objectives of the drive are to relieve pressure on Huesca, to drive a salient in the Loyal



A SPECIMEN CASE

Case No. 2568

Reported in July by the Salvation Army. The father died eight years ago leaving two children and a widow who earned her living by sewing canvas shoes on a machine lent her by a former employer who has left for the country taking his machine with him. She is now out of work. The Society is maintaining the boy (ten years) at the St. Louis Industrial School and the girl (eight years) has been admitted to the Tung Wah Hospital Free School.

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SUMMARY OF WEEK'S ACCIDENTS

Two Killed And 26 Injured

During the week ending at 8 a.m. on Saturday last, there were 50 traffic accidents, as the result of which two persons were killed and 26 injured.

The persons killed were a Chinese woman, aged 24, who died from injuries received while alighting from a moving tramcar, and a 27-year-old man was fatally injured through falling from a moving lorry.

Of the persons injured, 10 were pedestrians who were knocked down while walking or running across the road; two bus and three tramcar passengers, who sustained injuries while alighting from moving vehicles; and one ricksha driver and two bicycle riders who were injured as the result of collisions.

The types of vehicle involved were private motor cars, 26; motor lorries, 17; public motor cars, 12; motor-buses, 6; motorcycle, 1; trams, 9; tricycles, 2; bicycles, 8; and rickshaws, 3.

SURVEYORS ELECT OFFICERS

The 10th annual general meeting of the Hongkong and China Branch of the Chartered Surveyors' Institution was held on Tuesday, when the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Chairman, Mr. A. E. Lissaman, F.S.I., M.I.M. and C.E.; Vice-Chair-

STOCK MARKET REPORT

The Hongkong Stock Exchange issued its official summary, issued at 12.30 p.m. yesterday, says:

Quiet conditions prevailed during the short session, buyers are in evidence, but sellers display no inclination to lower their ideas of prices.

The Manila market is reported dull, though such quotations as have come through show only slight changes either way.

Buyers

Hongkong Bank	\$1.918
Bank of East Asia	\$80
Union Insurance	\$530
China Underwriters	\$2.10
Davidson	\$90
H.K. & W. Docks	\$235
Provident (Old)	\$245
Provident (New)	\$42
H.K. & W. Ventures	\$100
Chinese Estates	\$25
H.K. Tramways	\$15
Peak Trams (Old)	\$7
Shing Yip	\$10
China Lights	\$1.00
China Lights (New)	\$0.10
Sandakan Lights	\$14
Day & Son	\$14
Watsons	\$0.50
Sinceres	\$2.20
Constructions	\$1.50
Marmansons (H.K.)	\$1.30

Sellers

Cements	\$1.74
Vibro Piling	\$54
Hongkong Bank	\$1.510/20
Union Insurance	\$530
H.K. & W. (Wocks)	\$34
H. & S. Hotel	\$54
H.K. Tramways	\$15/20
China Lights (Old)	\$12
H.K. Electric	\$50
Antamoks P.M.	.62
Atoka	.27
Gold	.21
Bennetts Consol	.60
Coco Grove	.53
Consolidated Mines	.011
Demonstration	.53
Levi	.70
Paracels Gummus	.20
San Mauricio	.01
Suyoc	.10
United Paracels	.41

man, Mr. W. A. Cornell, F.S.I., F.R.I.B.A.; members of committee, Messrs. N. L. Sparke, O.B.E., F.S.I. (Shanghai Member), G. W. Grey, F.S.I., F.R.I.B.A., A. G. W. Tickell, F.S.I., F.R.I.B.A.; Honorary Secretary, Mr. J. E. Richardson, F.S.I.

FALL IN RUBBER

London, Mar. 23. An atmosphere of gloom descended on the London Rubber Market this morning, when the prices fell 3/10d. to 4/4d. following the depressing overnight advices from the East and America.

Well informed circles point out that in view of the prevailing uncertainties, London has latterly not been so ready to absorb eastern offerings and with American interest only spasmodic, any selling pressure at present is inclined to exercise an exaggerated effect on values.

To-day's fall is bringing out the inevitable "stop loss" in selling.

Regarding the possibility of next week's meeting of the International Committee resulting in further quota cuts for the second quarter of the year there are two schools of thought. One takes the logical view that a further cut means less physical rubber and the other that further reduction might be interpreted as official cognizance that consumption is still dwindling.—Reuter.

THE PRISONERS OF CZECHO-SLOVAKIA

(Continued from Page 6.)

Berlin, Dresden, and Breslau within an hour.

Ten years ago I said that Czechoslovakia was a disturbing element in Central Europe. To-day the war-clouds hang heavy along her frontiers.

There might still be time for the Czech Government to make reparation, but it is under the control of the same scheming politicians as brought that hybrid country into existence.

Not A Friend

DR. BENES was the chief begetter of the Czechoslovak State. Of him, even so sympathetic a Socialist writer as Professor Harold Laski has said: "I doubt whether any European statesman entirely trusts Dr. Benes: No one knows better than he how to be most things to all men."

Dr. Benes has done well out of his political career. Signs of the wrath to come suggest he would do well either to retire or to reform his prison-camp policy. It is significant that his country has not a single friend among the five States on her own borders.

The Pharaoh who hardened his heart was engulfed by the Red Sea. It is the more terrible flood of German armaments that is surging round the Czech frontiers to-day. The prisoners of Czechoslovakia may yet see their captors overtaken by the fate of that old Egyptian tyrant who would not let the people go.

RUSSIANS HAVE ALL SYMPATHY FOR CHINA

Paris, Mar. 22.

Mr. Sun Fo, President of the Legislative Yuan, in an exclusive interview with the *United Press*, elaborated parts of yesterday's general statement to the Press.

Mr. Sun Fo said: "I was invited to Russia as President of the Chinese-Soviet Cultural Society and talked with Soviet leaders, including M. Josef Stalin and the War Com-

"M. Stalin fully appreciates China's position and the Russian people know more about the war in China than Europeans and Americans because of the numerous Soviet correspondents who accompany the Chinese armies. Russian sympathies and interests are towards China and certainly Russia cannot afford to see China conquered by Japan, although I have no fear that that eventually will arise."

Asked whether Outer Mongolia is likely to assist China against Japan, Mr. Sun Fo said: "May be, but the time has not yet come. Its position is of the utmost strategic importance."

Mr. Sun Fo said that Japan is able to "send only a quarter or a third of her military forces to fight us. She must reserve the remainder in case of war with Russia. A great lesson China will learn is that Japan is not invincible and the war should prove Japan is not a tough proposition. But that America is still afraid of Japan is proved by the fact that nothing happened after the Panay Incident. However, the United States naval programme should go a long way towards removing that fear complex."—United Press.

SUN FO IN LONDON

London, Mar. 23.

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AN ALLY FROM
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Hongkong to-day extends a welcome to His Excellency the Governor of Macao, Dr. Artur Tamagnini Barbosa, one of Portugal's most distinguished and popular diplomats. When the Portuguese warship which brings him here exchanges salutes with His Majesty's representatives they will have more than ordinary significance. They will punctuate another chapter of the story of Anglo-Portuguese friendship which goes back nearly 900 years.

It is a rather interesting and instructive friendship, that which has existed between two maritime powers which were always in the forefront in the early days of colonisation and discovery. Britain has played a part in Portugal's history from the earliest times of Portuguese nationhood. When Ferdinand of Castile partly recovered what is now Portugal for Christendom, driving out the Moors, the foundation of the present republic was laid. In 1095 Portugal won independence as the hereditary fief of the great Count Henry of Burgundy; and it was his son, Alfonso I, who assumed the title of King of Portugal in 1139. With the help of English Crusaders he captured Lisbon in 1147. Centuries later Portugal was to come to England's aid in the greatest war in history:

Meanwhile, Portugal flourished. And in her most trying hours when she was challenged by trade rivals jealous of her growing power and her rich possessions, England helped her. Against the might of Spain England was her ally. In the Peninsula War against Napoleon, Portugal and Britain were again shoulder to shoulder. Even when disputes arose between these two nations, as was bound to happen in their colonial adventuring, they were settled without bloodshed.

When the Great War broke out Portugal responded to the British request for aid, commanding all German and Austrian vessels in her waters. In March, 1916, Portuguese troops

Yesterday T. Paul Gregory told you of the Hongkong convict who received 239 lashes in prison. This article tells —

What Punishment With The "Cat" Is Really Like

A MAN now serving five years imprisonment in Stanley Prison received twelve strokes of the "Cat-o'-nine-tails" last week. Yesterday another robber was sentenced at the Supreme Court to receive 12 lashes.

The "Cat" can only be administered by order of the Court or the Governor.

Not many years ago Hongkong witnessed floggings of prisoners in public. One convict

received a total of 239 lashes.

What is the "cat"?

It consists of a long wooden stick, to the end of which are attached nine 28-inch long strips of cord, interspersed at every six inches with knots of silk.

For what is the "cat" administered?

For offences within prison—insulting to mutiny, assaulting a prison officer, or for a particularly brutal assault upon a fellow convict.

The court can inflict the "cat" for robbery with violence and also upon men convicted as "incorrigible rogues" of certain types of offence connected with white slavery.

The "cat" is usually administered in doses of twelve, eighteen, twenty-four, or thirty-six strokes. If more than twelve strokes are given the flogging is carried out by two warders, one left hand and one right hand.

When a convict is to be flogged he is taken to a place away from the other prisoners and is examined by the prison doctor, who has to certify him able to receive the punishment.

Then the man is stripped to the waist, handcuffed, and his feet fixed to a steel contraption like a tripod.

This causes the man to raise himself slightly on his toes and bend forward to receive the lashings.

Then two warders place a screen over the back of his head as a protection to the neck, while another two officers place a similar screen across the lower part of the spine.

The prison governor, chief officer, and the hospital attendants are all present. The doctor is the only man to stand in front of the prisoner in order that he may determine the condition of the convict as the flogging progresses.

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The Prisoners of Czecho-Slovakia

By
VISCOUNT ROTHERMERE

MOST blunders in life have to be paid for. The blunder of creating that synthetic and spurious State called Czecho-Slovakia may well cost Europe another war.

Of all the reckless things done by the "peace-makers" in Paris this was the worst. Yet the biggest ramp in diplomatic history passed all but unnoticed at the time.

The Czech and pro-Czech intriguers who bamboozled the peace delegates had an easy game. Those over-worked and weary statesmen were under strong pressure to finish quickly their recasting of the map of Europe and get back to the urgent problems awaiting them at home.

A small set of self-seeking or time-serving "experts" flooded them with one-sided memoranda, minutes, digests, drafts, summaries and maps. The result was that they imposed a settlement entirely in the interests of the Czechs.

The Great Bluff

THE agreements and bargains were made behind closed doors," says the American delegate, Mr. Lansing, in his history of the Peace Conference. One British journalist who was prominent in the hole-and-corner dealing to which Czecho-Slovakia owes her baneful and fraudulent existence boasted in a speech that "a few experts, knowing their own minds and concentrating all their efforts on a given end, can sometimes achieve ends unattainable by the leaders of uninformed opinion and uninformed statesmanship."

The Peace Conference was bluffed into making Czecho-Slovakia. That bluff has lasted almost twenty years. It is now very near to being called.

Counterfeit Label

THE very name "Czecho-Slovakia" has no sense. It was a counterfeit label without historic or ethnographical significance. One might as well talk of "Anglo-Holland."

This Central European sham, which is a perpetual danger to the peace of that part of the Continent, was contrived in the interests of the Czechs, a crafty race, who managed to keep a foot in both camps throughout the war and at its end claimed an extravagant reward from the victors for their duplicity.

It is natural that Macao's Governor should be warmly welcomed here. His personality alone would assure him of that. But besides his own attributes, he is a representative of a nation whose people, under the old code of North America's Indians, would be Britain's blood brothers; for they have fought and died in the same cause. Moreover, as Governor of the neighbour Colony of Macao, he would always find a ready friendliness here, as do the subjects of his Government, for like the British people of Hongkong they are defenders of the same civilisation, the same principles and ideals; and he and they have the distinguishing characteristics of empire-builders who carry their country's flag to far places.

These Czechs were one of the subject races of the Austro-Hungarian Empire before and throughout the war. Owing to the fact that the Czech soldiers deserted in unusually large numbers, it was possible for pro-Czech busybodies in England and America to represent them for petty meanness they have

as an oppressed nation entitled to indulgent recognition from the Allies.

At the Peace Conference this view was pressed upon the Supreme Council with much bogus evidence to back it up. A typical example was the notorious "Pittsburgh Agreement" of May 30, 1918, by which Czechs and Slovaks were supposed to have agreed to combine to form a State. This was negotiated by Dr. Masaryk, who afterwards became President of Czecho-Slovakia, during a propaganda tour in the United States.

Repudiation

WHEN the document was presented to the Peace Conference it occurred to no one to point out that the Czechs and Slovaks who had accepted it were all American citizens, and as such hardly qualified to decide the fate of Central Europe. Yet when it had served its purpose this agreement was repudiated by Dr. Masaryk. He had pledged himself to secure for the Slovaks a parliament of their own and autonomous government in the new State. To preserve their own preferential position, the Czechs got out of the bargain by saying that it did not count because it had been signed on a public holiday.

But Czechs and Slovaks combined number only 8½ millions. Accordingly, by all sorts of specious arguments of which the peace delegates in their haste would admit no rebuttal, the Czech leaders asserted a further claim to annex large blocks of peoples of entirely different race.

In this way Czecho-Slovakia was rounded out on the North by the inclusion of 3½ million Germans who live under the oppressive rule of Prague are not unheeded in Berlin, where the just claims of Hungary for the recovery of her lost nationalities beyond the Czech border have also found sympathetic consideration.

The dragon's teeth that the Czechs have sown are sprouting all around them in a crop of deadly dangers.

Dreading this monaco of retribution, Czecho-Slovakia made a pact of mutual assistance with Russia. A large mission of Red Air Force officers at once came to Prague and has set itself to organise the use of Czech aerodromes and fuel supplies by Bolshevik war-planes.

Smouldering Wrath

THE only effect of this has been to fan the smouldering wrath of Germany, for Czecho-Slovakia, thanks to the position carved out for her in the heart of Europe, might well serve as an advanced base for a Soviet attack on Germany. From aerodromes on Czech soil the Bolshevik bombers could be over

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THE "VERY IDEA"
**IT'S TIME
TO DRINK
ABOUT
SUMMER**

By Ed. Kelly, Hot Stuff

BY Jove!

That was a real spot of thunderstorm we had the other night.

Which reminds us that summer is a-coming.

If any good looking girl wants to be taught to swim during the next few months, we are available.

We specialise in teaching the crawler stroke.

We like dancing in the winter and Jantzen in the summer, Especially when there's something nice in the Jantzen.

We confess to a certain handsomeness and manliness in our bathing costume, although our missus doesn't agree with us.

Only the other day we were asking her about our 1936 bathing costume.

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Air Ministry To Speed Up Defence Measures For Great Britain

TERRITORIALS WANT 20,000 RECRUITS

Britain Will Be Isolated In Air By Gun Barrage

By A Military Correspondent

THE Anti-Aircraft Divisions of the Territorial Army are 20,000 short of their established strength of 50,000 officers and men. The most intensive recruiting campaign in Territorial Army history is to take place this spring to make up the deficiency.

It is not a "panic" campaign. Recruiting is improving every month, but the War Office feel that the best safeguard against air attack is to make our defences complete without delay.

Responsibility for the air defence of Great Britain rests on the Air Ministry, but the machinery of defence is a partnership between the fighter squadrons of the Royal Air Force and the guns, searchlights, and the signals of the Territorial Army.

Two anti-aircraft divisions of the Territorial Army have been organised—the first covering London and the South, and the second with an area extending from Northampton to Northumberland. Further north still are certain Scottish units.

The 20,000 shortage is not so bad as it seems. The first division was not formed until December 1935, and the second division a year later. Expansion has been continuous.

While the gap between establishment and strength is wide, the War Office is confident that this year's big push will go a long way towards solving the problem.

BELT OF LIGHT

When the two divisions are at full strength there will be a barrier of more than 500 guns and 3,000 searchlights stretching from Northumberland to Sussex.

The searchlights will be at intervals of two miles, forming a belt of illuminated sky deep enough to give our fighting planes room to manoeuvre and attack the enemy.

The latest pattern searchlights will be able to pick up an airplane five and a half miles high.

As for the guns, the new 3.7 inch model—the best of its kind in the world—now coming into production has an effective range of more than 30,000 feet, higher than any bomber flies during an air raid.

There is another and heavier gun, the 4.5 inch, which will also cause raiders a great deal of trouble.

There is no denying that production of these new guns will have to be speeded up if the air defence system is to be made effective. At

Submarine Of Sky

Los Angeles, Mar. 15. A giant "submarine of the air," designed to fly 47 people through the stratosphere far above present air lanes, is rapidly nearing completion here.

The new super-liner is under construction at Douglas Aircraft Factory. It has the unusual feature of a fuselage sealed like a submarine hull.

This will permit the passenger to be flown at the great height of four miles above the earth, where the air is too thin to breathe. The air resistance at that height is less and the ship can attain great speeds.

With present equipment, fliers must wear special oxygen masks at this altitude. The cabin of the super-ship will be kept pumped to normal level ground air pressure, and the passengers will fly in comfort, though 18,000 to 24,000 feet above sea level.

The huge plane is 90 per cent completed and will be test-flown in April. Five major airlines, United, American, Eastern, T.W.A. and Pan American, co-operated in the project. It cost \$1,500,000 to build.

Ninety feet long, 132 feet from wing tip to tip, and 24 feet high, the craft carries 42 passengers and a crew of five. The pay load is 10 tons.

Top speed is set at 240 miles an hour, exactly four miles a minute. Non-stop cruising range is 2,200 miles. Four motors develop 6,000 horsepower, enough to haul a 14-car train.

Other unique features include three rudders instead of one, and an extra landing wheel just set back of the nose so that the plane may slide into a landing—United Press.

War Aces In Command

New balloon barrage squadrons are being formed for the defence of London. They will be composed of men too old for normal flying duties in the R.A.F., and will be commanded by ex-war aces.

The rank and file will be made up of men drawn from civilian life.

Minimum age will be in the neighbourhood of thirty-four. Men who have had experience in the R.A.F. will be preferred.

Officers have been picked from men who saw war service with the R.F.C. and the R.A.F.

The balloon squadrons are to be stationed at flying fields on the rim of London, and should be in operation in the very near future.

present the Territorial Army is training with the old 3-inch gun—not in the same class as the new model.

POM-POM GUN

To counter low flying airplanes, sent to attack towns with machine guns and gas, a lighter gun of the pom-pom type, firing a two pound shell, is being produced.

Finance is a big problem in the organisation and equipment of the T.A. Anti-Aircraft Divisions.

It costs £250,000 to equip an anti-aircraft battery of eight guns, a searchlight company costs £100,000. New headquarters built or building, are responsible for a further £3,000,000.

Although the Territorials who man the searchlights and guns have only a limited time for training, their standard of efficiency is extremely high—certainly not lower than that of Regular Army units trained to do the same work overseas.

Every unit has its battle station in the event of hostilities, and the whole defence system could be brought into operation in a very short time.

An invention which has revolutionised anti-aircraft gunnery is the "predictor," a highly complicated and technical fire-control instrument. One is supplied to each pair of guns.

REDUCES ERROR

It requires a crew of six men, and calculates the speed and course of the airplane and time of flight of the shell.

It reduces as far as possible the error in aiming the gun so that shell and airplane meet in the air. The cost of a predictor is several thousand pounds.

The predictor does not estimate the height of the target. This is done by two men working a "height finder," which solves the problem by optical means.

The searchlights have their "gadget," too. This is the sound locator, an instrument which picks up an airplane long before it can be seen.

TRACKING RAIDERS

With the locator giving an approximate position it is much easier for a concentration of searchlight beams to have effect.

Picture an air raid of the future. As the enemy aircraft approach or cross the coast they will be picked up by trained detachments of the Observer Corps, a band of civilians, trained by the Air Ministry and sworn in as special constables, who will flash the news to the R.A.F. fighter squadrons.

These will take the air in order to get above the oncoming raiders.

The sound locators of the searchlight crews—there are ten men to each light—will come into action. As the sound of the raiders is picked up, the searchlight beams will pierce the sky, trying to light up the enemy for our own airplanes to attack.

Bombers escaping the British fighters will be engaged by our anti-aircraft guns, assisted by searchlights, and, as a final barrier, there will be the balloon barrage.

All branches of the Services will be needing recruits this year, but the War Office, realising the supreme importance of air defence, intends to spare no effort in making the safety belt of guns and searchlights complete, fully equipped and fully manned.

GERMAN "GOOSE-STEP" SMARTENS UP ITALY'S CRACK REGIMENTS



THE GOOSE STEP has been introduced into Italy's army by Signor Mussolini's command. These smart-looking Musketeers were reviewed by il Duce recently at his villa in Torlonia.

B.B.C. Probes Staff And Goes On War Footing SECRET SERVICE GUARDING PLANS

VITAL steps are being taken to place the B.B.C. on a war footing and, at the same time, to prevent the leakage to any foreign Power of details concerning the technical design of Britain's transmitting stations.

Particular care is being taken in the staffing of the new Burghead station, which is destined to become the chief transmitter in the event of an emergency.

Built ostensibly to cater for the 20,000 fishermen and crofters of Northern Scotland, it has cost nearly £200,000 to erect and equip.

READY FOR THREE MONTHS' SIEGE

It has been provided with emergency engines, alternative power supply, an additional water service, and sleeping quarters for the entire staff if required.

Special provision has been made for the storage of fuel, tinned foods and engine oil—sufficient emergency supplies, in fact, to enable the station, if cut off, fully to function for three months.

Meanwhile, engineers have been chosen to test gas masks, with a view to laying by a store for its 900 employees at Broadcasting House.

Immediately before they leave the gas chamber the engineers have to remove the masks to make sure the gas is effective—it is tear gas.

A survey is being made, this month, of the record of every member of the B.B.C. staff.

A dossier relating to each employee has been prepared. It will contain his portrait, biographical details, pre-B.B.C. record, and an annual report on his service.

The information thus collected will be kept secret. No employee will know what has been reported about him.

"ESPIONAGE"

The espionage system in the B.B.C. is already highly developed. A former Postmaster-General said: "The espionage system is such that if I talk to a B.B.C. official I am made to feel like a conspirator. He looks around to see if we are being followed."

With the intention of removing from key positions members of the staff who are not considered immune from temptation to betray secrets, a big "purge" is now going on.

The Intelligence Department is engaged in watchful vigilance over the private movements of all engaged in the broadcasting service.

In one recent instance, the help of the Government's Secret Service was enlisted to track down the facts of a reported "leakage."

The trouble was traced to its source, and a high official who had come under suspicion was completely exonerated.

STAFF WARNED

All members of the staff are now required to sign an undertaking not to publish any facts about the B.B.C. during their term of employment or for one year after.

"It is the duty of every member of the staff to prevent leakage of information" is the exact wording of the B.B.C. instruction, which adds that "employees are warned that an extremely serious view is taken of any break of this undertaking."

Four Threes

Record (to date) of Senora Mariana Perez, of Managua, Nicaragua:

1930—Triplets.

1931—Triplets.

1932—Triplets.

January 25, 1938—Triplets.

Mother and all triplets all doing well.

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MANY SURPRISE RESULTS IN HOMESIDE FOOTBALL

WOLVES BEATEN BY MIDDLESBRO ON OWN GROUND

KILMARNOCK THROUGH IN SCOTTISH CUP RE-PLAY

London, Mar. 23. Home teams had a bad time generally in the football matches played both in England and Scotland to-day, only two out of seven succeeding in winning despite the advantage of grounds.

The two successful home teams were Rangers and Motherwell, who won their matches in the First Division of the Scottish League against Arbroath and St. Johnstone respectively.

In the English League, the Wolverhampton Wanderers lost valuable ground in their race for championship honours when, before their own supporters, they were beaten by Middlesbrough by a solitary goal.

Both replays in the fourth round of the Scottish Cup ended in victories for the away teams, Kilmarnock beating Ayr United by five clear goals and East Fife accounting for Raith Rovers by the odd goal in five. Results:

ENGLISH LEAGUE

First Division		
Wolves	0	Middlesb' 1
Third Division (South)		
Aldershot	1	Brighton 2
SCOTTISH CUP (FOURTH ROUND REPLAYS)		
Ayr U.	0	Kilmarnock 5
Raith R.	2	East Fife 3
SCOTTISH LEAGUE		
Fir. Division		
Rangers	3	Arbroth 1
Falkirk	0	St. Mirren 2
Motherwell	3	St. Johnstone 1

SCOTTISH CUP'S REVISED DRAW

The following is the revised draw of the Scottish Cup semi-finals, which will be played on April 2:

St. Bernards v. East Fife (at Tynecastle Park, Edinburgh). Kilmarnock v. Rangers (at Hampden Park, Glasgow). —Reuter.

RUGBY WIN FOR ST. MARY'S

London, Mar. 23. In the Hospitals' Rugby Cup final played to-day, St. Mary's defeated Guy's easily, winning by 18 points to nil. —Reuter.

BRADDOCK VERSUS FARR

Film Showing At Queen's Theatre

Special interest attaches to the film of the Braddock-Farr heavyweight fight which is now showing at the Queen's Theatre in conjunction with an excellent picture, "Wise Girl."

The fight film will leave unbiased spectators somewhat in doubt. A draw would seem to be the only conclusion to the average spectator but at the same time, no-one who cannot score the points, should disagree with the referee's verdict in a close fight.

The film does not show the incident early in the fight when Farr is alleged to have hit low and thereby to have lost this round according to New York rules. Nor does it show either of the knock-downs Farr was supposed to have suffered.

In the ninth round whether because he was himself tiring—which is hard to believe if he had trained properly—or because he took the fight too easily, Farr went down. He boxed at Braddock's own pace, and the former champion promptly lashed him with some fine punches. The effort cost Braddock nearly all his energy. He fell into his stool, but he managed to take the tenth and last round—a poor one—by a narrow margin.

One is impressed in the film by Braddock's clean style of boxing as against Farr's pushes in the breakaways and it is surprising to see that it is the American who is showing—and gaining full advantage from it—the traditional British upright stance with the straight left. The film is worth seeing since Farr has done so much talking that it is a change to see him do some fighting. The result—perhaps because of the high verbal standard—is not impressive.

SOCCER REFEREES' MEETING

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25/1 Provocative (1 and 0)
25/1 Red Knight (1 and 0)
25/1 Bachelor Prince (1 and 0)
25/1 Lough Cottage (1 and 0)
25/1 Inverloch (1 and 0)
40/1 Badfellow (0), 50/1 (1)
—Reuter.

Cecil Smith, of Texas, given new 10-goal rating at top of American polo

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Weekly Hockey Notes By "The Pilgrim"

NOTES OF CURRENT INTEREST

E. L. Gosano, the well-known Interport left back, is fast recovering from his knee injury sustained at cricket a few months ago, and he hopes to play in representative games very soon.

INSPECTOR L. Tyler, the popular and energetic Hon. Secretary of the United Hockey Clubs, will be leaving for home via Canada on furlough at the end of April. So far the Tournament has proved very successful and if the fixtures are completed by the time he sails, he will have every reason to be proud of such a useful and splendid achievement.

NEXT Saturday afternoon the Hongkong Ladies and St. Andrew's will meet at King's Park to decide the runners-up position in the Caer Clark Cup League. I hear Hongkong will be without the services of three of their best players. Although reserves will have to be called upon, the H.K. Ladies are capable of fielding a formidable side, and an interesting encounter is assured. It has looked out that the Saints are confident of victory. I wish them luck.

MRS. S. Gardner, the Secretary and Vice-Captain of the "Y" Ladies senior eleven, is at present in Shanghai on a short holiday. She hopes to be back in a fortnight's time to assist the champions in their match against the Rest of the Caer Clark Cup League.

THE first Interport trial is to take place on the Club ground, King's Park, next Sunday morning and the teams have since been announced.

CAMBRIDGE WINS GOLF ENCOUNTER

Oxonians Fail In Singles

London, Mar. 23. Cambridge University defeated Oxford University by 10 matches to four in the fifty-fifth inter-varsity encounter played at Westward Ho! One match was halved.

At the end of the foursomes yesterday, the Light Blues led by 3-2. Of the ten singles played to-day, the Light Blues won seven and lost two, and one was halved.

The results were:

Bowls Association Annual Meeting

The annual general meeting of the Hongkong Lawn Bowls Association will be held in the board-room of the South China Morning Post, Ltd., to-day at 5.30 p.m. Lawn bowlers are requested to attend.

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25/1 Airspeed Slos (1 and 0)
25/1 Domville Cross (1 and 0)
25/1 Workman (0)
25/1 Boekwilla (1 and 0)
25/1 Provocative (1 and 0)
25/1 Red Knight (1 and 0)
25/1 Bachelor Prince (1 and 0)
25/1 Lough Cottage (1 and 0)
25/1 Inverloch (1 and 0)
40/1 Badfellow (0), 50/1 (1)
—Reuter.

Cecil Smith, of Texas, given new 10-goal rating at top of American polo

"Y" LADIES ACCOUNT FOR C.B.A.

End-Of-Season Spirit In Evidence

Though failing to maintain a splendid start, the "Y" Ladies, present champions, accounted for the C.B.A. Ladies on their home ground

Portugal v. China (Sookpoo, 5 p.m.)
India v. Ireland (F.T.S. ground, 5 p.m.)
The teams are:

INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENT COMMENCES

Wales-England Tie Now Postponed

The local International Tournament will commence this afternoon when the first round matches will be played.

Originally three matches had been arranged, but it is understood that at the request of Wales, their tie with England has now been postponed, leaving two games to be played to-day. They are as follows:

Portugal v. China (Sookpoo, 5 p.m.)
India v. Ireland (F.T.S. ground, 5 p.m.)

The teams are:

PORUGAL

E. Alves (Normans); A. M. Rodrigues (Recreio); and Z. Gonsalo (La Salle); R. Marques (Recreio); J. Goncalves (Recreio) and T. Alves (Portuguese); D. Noronha (K.I.T.C.); A. P. Souza (K.I.T.C.); J. M. Pinto (K.I.T.C.); N. Beltrao (Recreio) and C. Pintos (K.I.T.C.). Reserves—R. Xavier (Normans), L. G. Gosano, and E. L. Gosano (Recreio).

CHINA

K. F. Chan, S. S. Chin, O. C. Leoh, P. K. Hui, C. H. Tooh, C. L. Hui, K. S. Cheng, P. G. Tang, J. Tsui, L. H. Tan and S. H. Ling. Reserve, L. H. Chiang.

INDIA'S TEAM

Ramzan (K.I.T.C.); Data Ram (Rajputana Rifles); Kishen Singh (H.K.S.R.A.); M. S. Husser (Radio); Gulam Rasul (Rajputana Rifles); M. R. Mallik (K.I.T.C.); Lt. Sawal Khan (Rajputana Rifles); G. Singh (Radio); Captain Lt. Pratam Nath (Rajputana Rifles); Pyara Singh (K.I.T.C.); Partab (Kumaon Rifles).

Dobson, the R.E. goal-keeper, is a strong claimant for Interport honours this season.

Mrs. Henry, in the intermediate line, were always a force to be reckoned with. Mrs. Burke was safe at right back with Miss A. Fowler erratic at times.

Apart from the first 15 minutes, the game was uninteresting; the end-of-the-season spirit was much in evidence.

Miss Tonge, Miss McCaw and

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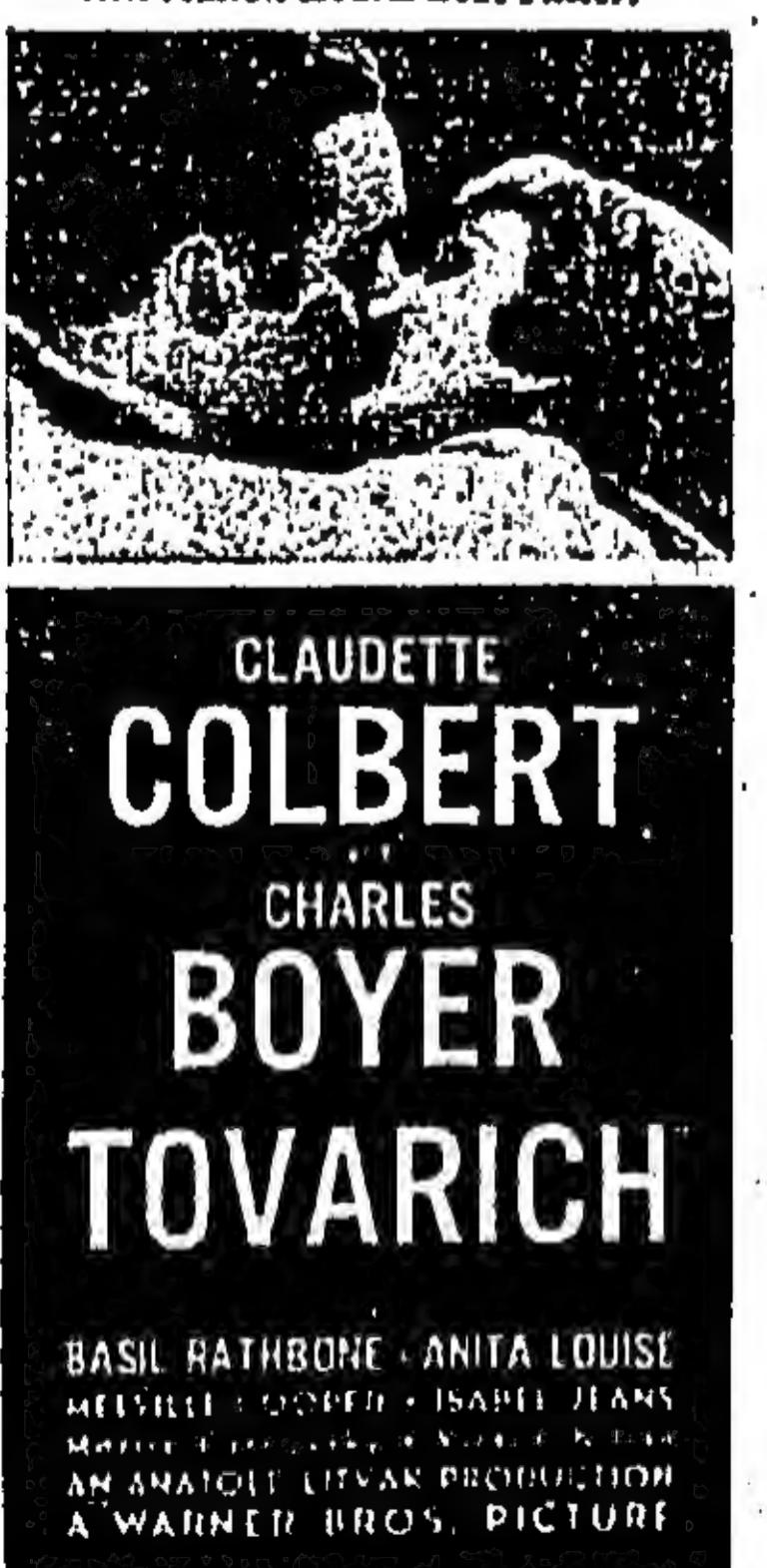
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Good Conditions For Mid Week Shoot

At the mid-week spoon and practice shoot held by the Hongkong Rifle Association on the Army Ranges at Kowloon City yesterday afternoon, Surg.-Lt. J. B. Mackie, H.K.N.V.F., easily won the nett spoon in the S.R. (b) class with the fine score of 99 points, which included for the first time for many weeks past, a brilliant "possible" at 990 yards.

Conditions on the whole were favourable, for the wind was steady both in strength and direction, while the light, though dull, was constant throughout. Between 80 and 90 members of the Association took part in the shoot.

The programme for the shoot on Sunday morning next has now been issued to the Honorary Secretaries of all affiliated units and clubs, and if any member of the Association has not yet seen a copy, he should apply without delay to his club or unit representative, and in the case of members of the China Fleet, to Lieut. R. F. Jenks, R.N., H.M.S. Medway. With the permission of the Council the retiring Honorary Secretary is presenting a special prize list of 100 prizes, divided equally between those shooting with the S.R. (a) and S.R. (b) rifles, and for which no additional entry fee is being charged, all shooting being concurrent with that for the spoon shoot. Three team matches are also taking place, as well as revolver and claybird events.

In view of the imminence of the prize meeting, it is thought possible that the number of members attending the shoot on Sunday next will be larger than ever before, and for this reason shooting will commence between 8.30 a.m. and 8.30 a.m., and not at 8.40 a.m. as stated in the programme of shooting for that morning.

The result of the spoon shoot held at Stonecutters last Saturday was as follows: S.R. (b) P.O. H. Richards, R.M. (handicap spoon). In the S.R. (a) series there were not enough competitors to warrant the award of a spoon. There will be no spoon shoot next Saturday, in view of the shooting on Sunday morning.

Individual full membership of the Association is steadily growing, although not naturally in the spectacular fashion which was the case recently. It is now 718, compared with 388 on January 1.

The leading scores made yesterday were as follows:

S. R. (b)	200	500	600	ARX
Surg.-Lt. J. B. Mackie (Scr.)	31	33	35	99
C.P.O. G. H. Griffin (1)	32	32	32	96
Lieut. R. F. Jenks (Scr.)	31	33	35	98
W. V. W. Cooper (1)	32	33	35	94
H.M.A. W. E. Hovies (Scr.)	32	34	36	93
P. O. C. Clarke (2)	31	33	29	90
Sgt. F. E. Tunstall (1)	32	34	36	92
W.Cpl. G. Charan Singh (2)	32	34	36	92
Cpl. W. Nunn (1)	32	34	29	92
Cpl. R. Colbourne (Scr.)	30	31	31	91
Cpl. G. Purcell (Scr.)	31	32	29	90
Cpl. R. G. Hartman (1)	31	32	29	90
Cpl. R. C. Butterlin (1)	31	30	30	90

S. R. (a)	200	500	600	ARX
L/Cpl. T. F. Baker (1)	34	29	29	91
Pte. A. H. Cox (1)	31	29	29	90
Pte. E. Stoll (1)	31	29	29	90
Cadet G. J. P. Caroy (1)	36	29	29	97
Dmr. R. D. Hollingshead (1)	36	29	29	94
Cpl. D. Matheson (1)	36	29	29	94
Cadet R. J. G. Gurney (1)	36	29	29	94
Cadet R. J. Hill (1)	23	29	29	90
Cpl. V. M. Hammond (11)	24	25	39	99
Pte. H. Howe (12)	23	25	29	98

*Winner of the "spoon" & *Winner of the "handicap" spoon.

AERIAL COMES FIRST

Fourth Championship Series Resail

Aerial took leading place in the result of the "H" class fourth championship series held by the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club yesterday over a course of 8.5 miles.

Sweepstakes races were held at the same time for "A" and mixed classes. "H" class started at 14.40, "A" at 14.45 and mixed classes at 14.50.

"H" Class

Finished Corrd. Pos	Pts.
Aerial	10.09.03 16.04.48 1 10 (Mr. C. D. A. Ross.)
Colleen	10.10.03 16.05.48 2 8 (Rev. E. D. A. Staunton.)
Dorothy	16.09.33 16.06.43 3 7 (Mrs. L. Drummond.)
Diana	16.08.28 — 4 6 (Mr. N. W. Dimsey.)

"A" Class

Artemis	16.18.26 — 1 (Mr. G. G. Wood.)
Kittiwake	16.18.52 — 2 (Major W. H. Postle.)
True Blue	16.19.54 — 3 (Miss J. L. Smith.)
Painted Lady	16.20.03 — 4 (Capt. M. T. L. Wilkinson)
Redshank	16.20.23 — 5 (Capt. R. H. Bower.)
Joss	16.20.39 — 6 (Capt. Northcote.)
Jem	16.21.00 — 7 (Col. G. C. Gowland.)
Teal	16.24.51 — 8 (Capt. S. del Court.)

Mixed Classes

Gael	16.35.01 16.20.51 1 (Col. S. Smith.)
Aliss	16.32.40 — 2 (R. M. Firth.)

CORINTHIANS WIN

Manila, Mar. 23
Ilonggo Corinthians beat one to one to-day—Reuter.

Wise Child Does Her Stuff for "Wise Girl"

The lively courtroom scene in "Wise Girl," RKO Radio's romantic comedy starring Miriam Hopkins and Ray Milland. The motive of the play is a rivalry over the custody of two children. The smart repartee of the child actors, Betty Philion (left) and Marianne Sibley, decidedly enlivens this episode.



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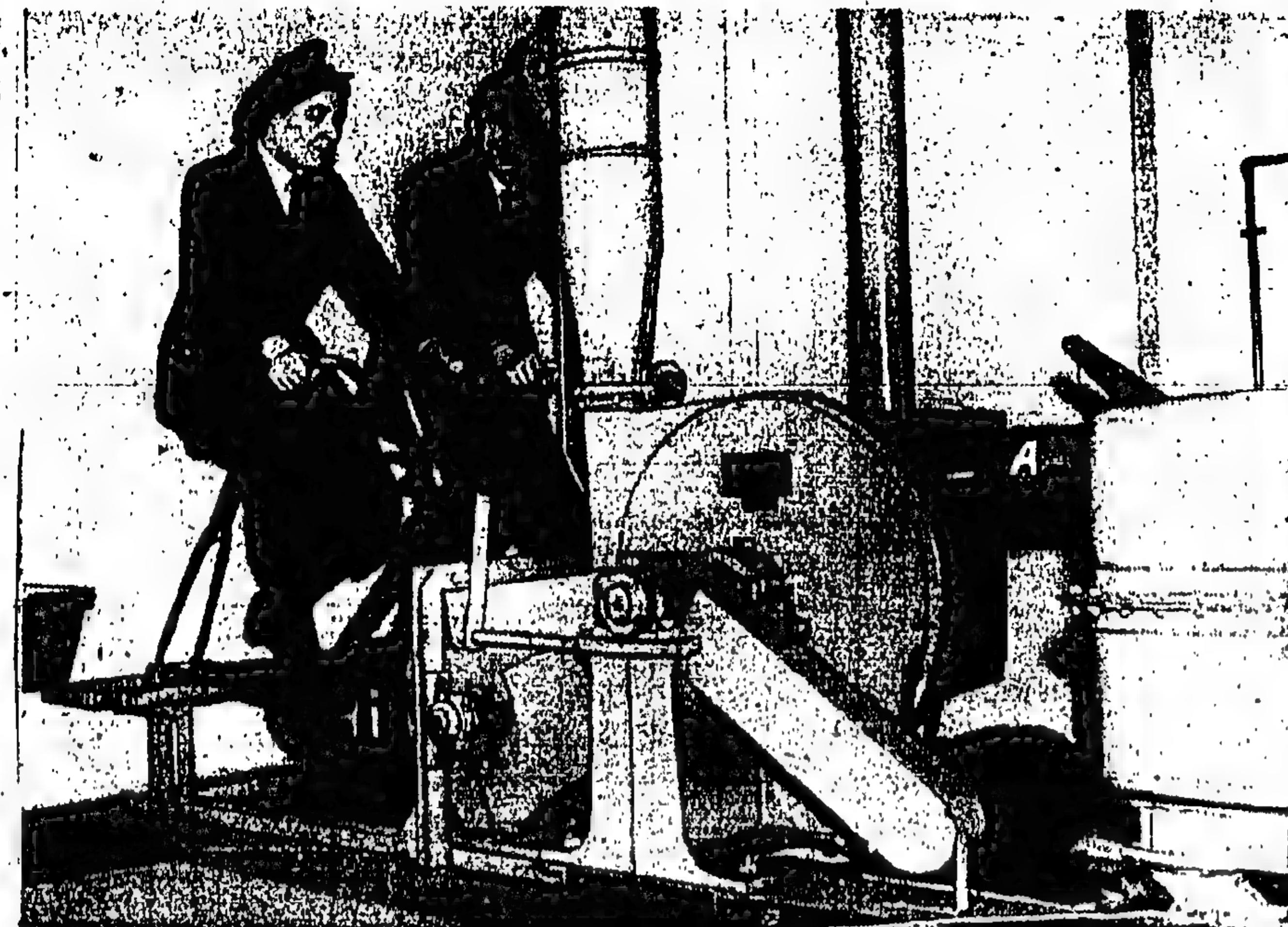
Larry Blake and Leonard Mudie in a dramatic scene from Universal's "The Jury's Secret."

NEWS OF THE DAY
IN PICTURES
FROM FAR AND NEAR

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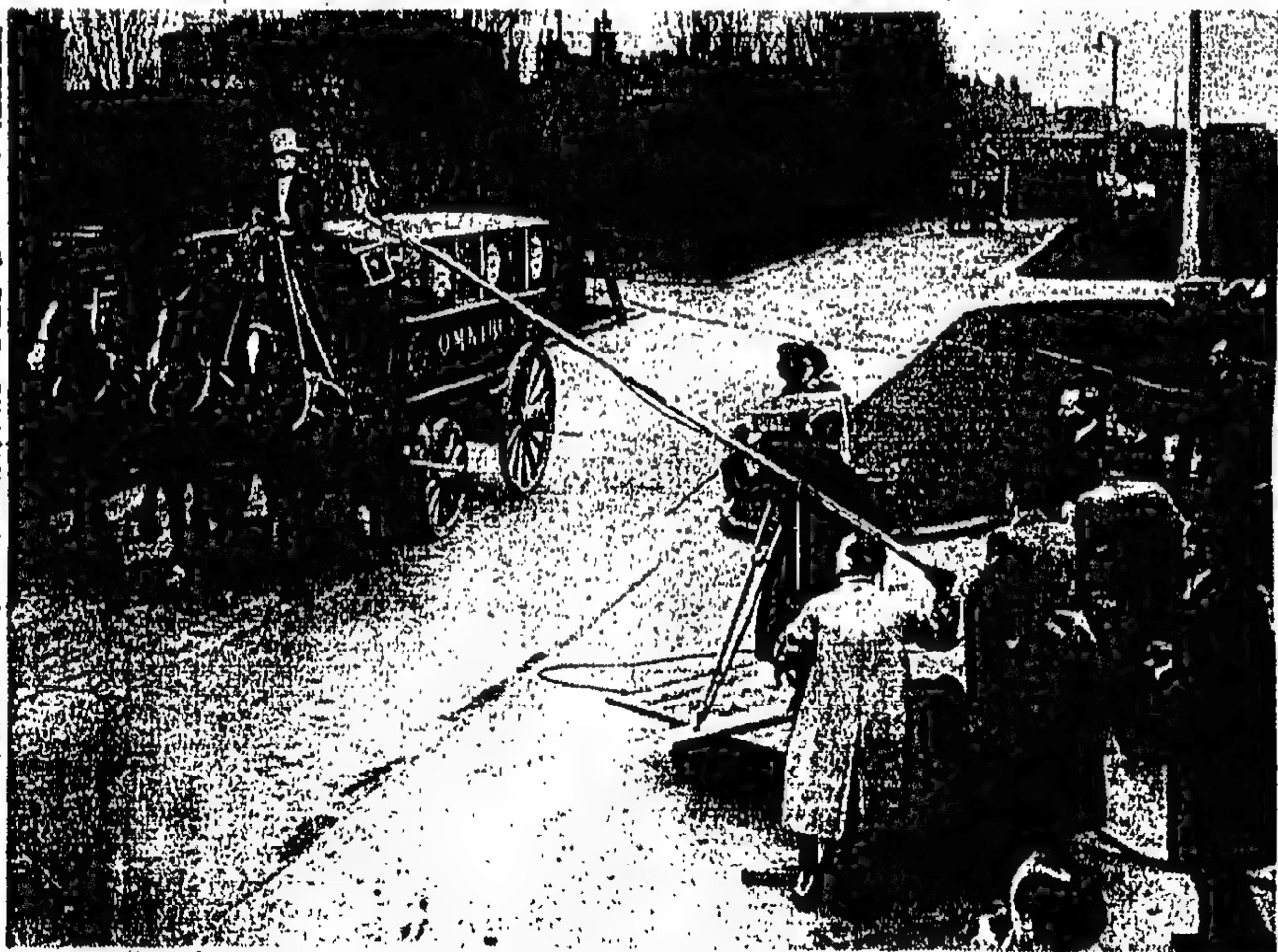
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At a Farewell Party arranged in honour of the Director of the Milan Zoological Garden when he started on an expedition in Africa, the table was decorated with this original decoration — a living lion!



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*BHUTAN	6,000	23rd Apr.	H'bg, M'selles, Havre, L'don, Hull, H'bg, R'dam & A'werp.
RAWALPINDI	17,000	30th Apr.	M'selles & London.
*BEHAR	6,000	7th May.	B'bay, M'selles, Havre, L'don, Hull, H'bg, R'dam & A'werp.
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		09.40	Lv SHIARI Lv	13.45		
10.15	13.50	10.40	Lv ICHANG Lv	14.45	10.05	
12.40	15.00	13.00	Lv WANHSIEN Lv	12.25	12.00	11.25
14.20	16.00	14.00	Ar CHUNGKING Lv	10.30	09.00	09.30

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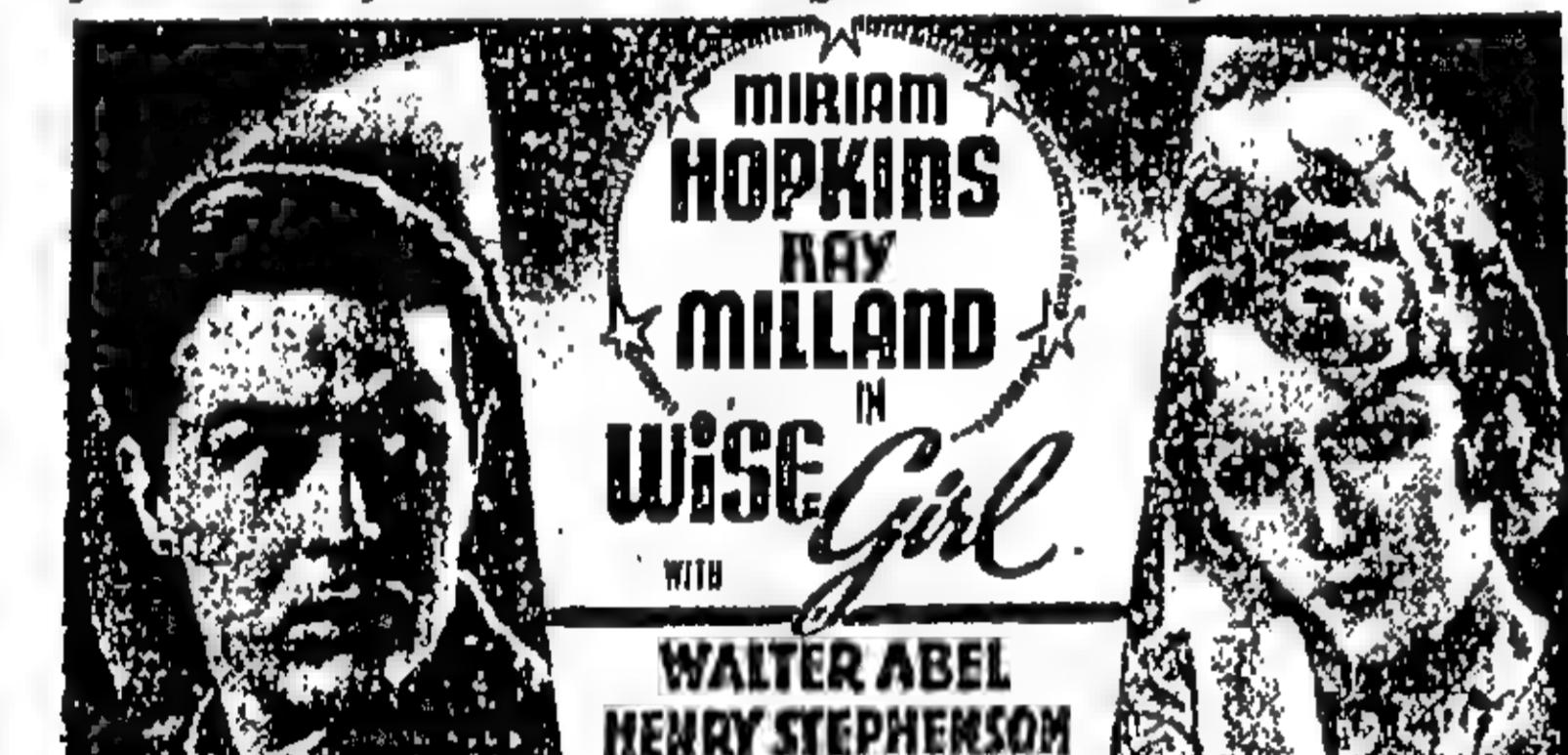
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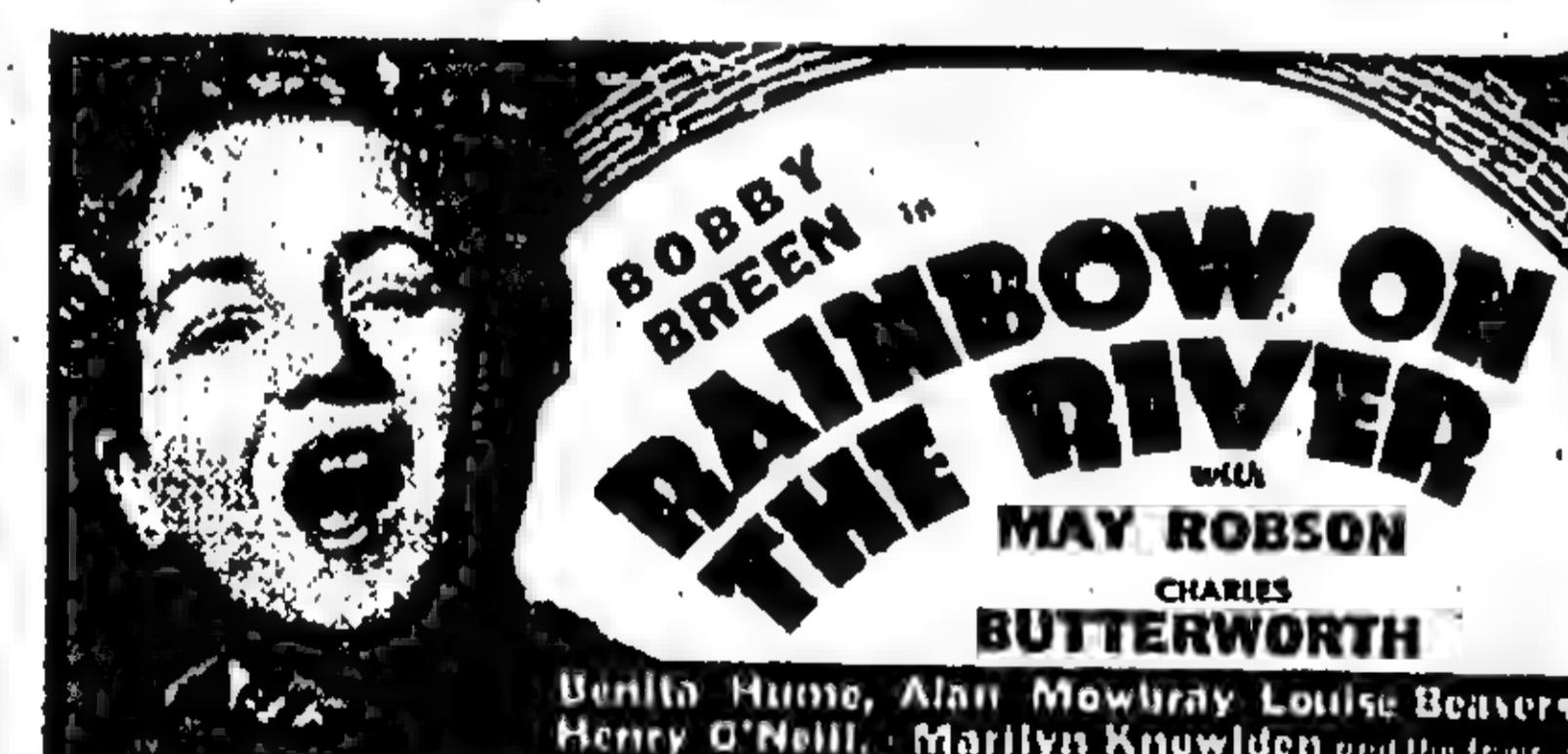
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Old Campaigner

London, Mar. 23.

Major-General Hugh W. M. Watson, who was home on sick leave, was found dead to-day in a hedge near Leamington. A sporting gun was by his side, and he had severe head injuries.—Reuter.

Major-General Hugh Wharton Watson, c.a., c.m.c., b.s.o., had been Inspector-General and Military Adviser in the Iraq Army since 1937.

Born in August, 1881, his father was a distinguished soldier. He joined the Milburn 7th King's Royal Rifles in 1899 and obtained a regular Commission in 1900. He served in the South African War in Somaliland in 1903 and 1904. From 1908 to 1912 he was A.D.C. to the G.O.C. 5th Division Curragh, and in 1914 was appointed Adjutant to the 6th King's Royal Rifles. He served in the Great War from the beginning to the end, including the battles at St. Eloi, Ypres Salient and Cambrai. In 1918 he fulfilled special service in Gallipoli. He was on the General Staff G.H.Q., the General Staff of the 8th Corps, and was Brigade-Major of the 16th Brigade and took part in the evacuation of Suvla, Egypt in 1915. A year later he was in command of the 2/4th Queen's Royal West Surrey Regiment, and from 1917 to 1918 was Brigadier-General Commandant at the Senior Officers' School, Aldershot.

During the Great War he was twice wounded, and was awarded the c.m.c., b.s.o., with Bar, and appointed Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel.

From 1930 to 1931 he commanded the 139th (Sherwood Foresters) Brigade (T.A.), and from 1932 to 1934 was commander of the Cairo Brigade, Egypt.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Editor, Hongkong Telegraph.

Sir.—I have read with considerable interest the report of the Salvation Army Home Annual Meeting, especially the reference to the scoundrels who make a living out of helpless little children.

This nefarious practice is unfortunately all too common, and examples are to be seen in the Colony daily. The ordinary beggars are bad enough, but when able-bodied men and women exploit little suffering children, no punishment can be too severe.

I am unaware what the actual penalty is, but I do earnestly suggest that when caught, the people concerned should be severely punished, such punishment to be followed by banishment from the Colony. In the name of humanity, a drastic drive should be organised by the Police to remove such a foul blot on the name of Hongkong.

HUMANITARIAN.

F.M.—Your communication scarcely falls into the category of matters of general public interest with which letters to the Editor should deal. You must remember that newspapers obtain their material from reputable sources, in this case the world's best known news agency. The reputation of that agency is one's best defence. You may not believe it possible for the Japanese to suffer even temporary set-backs. But that does not mean that despatches reporting their defeat in various spheres are untrue.

JAPANESE DEFEATS

Sir.—I wonder what led Mr. Joe Nagasaki to think that the reports concerning Chinese successes on the Northern fronts were "false." And if they were "false," how on earth could he tell they were, anyway? One can't go on refuting press reports simply because one does not like them, regardless whether these reports are authentic or otherwise. "Defeat" may be an ugly and unpleasant thing, but one has got to admit and learn to take it if and when one is really defeated.

Mr. Nagasaki did not seem to be very modest when he remarked that "The Japanese soldiers were destined to be the bravest and the greatest soldiers in the world." Why, they are so brave that even Napoleon would grow red in the face if he were alive." Who wouldn't, if one saw the way the Japanese soldiers conducted themselves. They are so extraordinarily brave (if bravery it is) that they even dare commit atrocities after atrocities which no other army in the world would dare do. Indeed, "Brave" is the word for Japanese soldiers.

TAN.

DENIES AUTHORSHIP

Nagasaki Joe, proprietor of the Gloucester Road restaurant bearing his name, informs us that the letter which appeared in the Telegraph yesterday over his name, was not written by him.

TIENTSIN EXCHANGE DISORDER

Tientsin, Mar. 24.

Yesterday's Peiping reports to the effect that banks "affiliated" to the Federal Reserve Bank were transacting limited foreign exchange on the basis of 1/2d have hitherto remained unsubstantiated.

Local bankers decline to comment against Federal notes, alleging that no instructions have been received.

It is rumoured that negotiations are in progress whereby "daylight" may be seen in the distant future, but at present the position is unchanged, with no cover available against Federal notes.—Reuter.

RECRUITING BEST SINCE WAR

London, March 23.

Recruiting for the British Army during last week totalled 679, an increase of 60 per cent. over the corresponding week of last year, and the highest in this particular week since the War.—Reuter Bulletin.

Big Sum For U.S. Defence

Washington, Mar. 23.

The House of Representatives Appropriations Committee to-day reported favourably on defence appropriations, and stated that the \$447,000,000 for war supplies included \$16,880,000 for anti-aircraft defences and ammunition supplies, \$18,000,000 for aircraft, the latter being one of the major increases, \$1,050,447 for pay for men enlisted in the Philippines Scouts and \$1,406,340 for seacoast defences.

Insular departments had not specified their amounts required.

Representative Craig advocated that the regular army should total 173,000, and that it should have 1,378 planes by June 30 in order to reach the ultimate objective of 2,320 by June 30, 1940.—United Press.

INCREASED ESTIMATES

Washington, Mar. 23.

The army estimates for the next financial year were presented to Congress to-day by representatives of the Appropriations Committee, and they proved to be nearly as large as in 1920-21, when the army of occupation was still in Germany.

The Bill asks for \$447,000,000, which is \$32,000,000 above the present year.—Reuter.

STOP PRESS NEWS

Franco May Send Diplomat To Hsinking

Shanghai, Mar. 24.

General Francisco Franco, the Spanish Insurgent leader, has

informedally advised Manchukuo of his intention to appoint a diplomatic representative to Hsinking, according to Japanese reports reaching here.

Mutual recognition was extended by Manchukuo and General Franco's regime on December 1, 1937.—Reuter.

PREPARED REPLY TO WASHINGTON

Tokyo, March 24.

Japan is formally replying to the American note regarding indemnification for the sinking of the Panay and destruction of oil tankers in the Yangtze River, a year ago, it was announced by the Foreign Office last night.

The Foreign Office is in touch with the Ministries concerned.—Reuter.

JAPANESE BURN JUNK NEAR H.K.

The destruction of a junk outside Hongkong has been reported by Liu Siu, master of junk No. 1920H. He

states that on March 19 while at Ko So, Hui San district, Chinese territory, a Japanese warship with the number 20 painted on its side, approached and fired upon the junk.

Thirty sailors then boarded the junk, and after forcing the crew into a sampan, covered the junk with gasoline and set it on fire. The Chinese returned to the Colony by sampan.

The estimated damage was \$4,000.

Chinese In Ascendancy

Flanking movements were launched yesterday on the Japanese on the left flank of the railway crossed the Grand Canal yesterday and pushed vigorously toward Tsinling to assist other units already operating there in an attempt to recapture the town.

On the right flank of the railway several thousand Japanese troops were encircled at Tanglouchen by the Chinese yesterday. Bitter fighting ensued.

The recapture of Yishui on the Yi River in south-east Shantung has been confirmed by a telegram from the magistrate, Sun Tung-feng.

The Japanese troops there are said to have been driven away by a column of Chinese troops in a night attack on March 16.—Central News.

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FRANCE MAY FOLLOW BRITISH LEAD

GUARANTEES TO CZECHS NOT CERTAIN

Intervention Cannot Be Automatic

Paris, Mar. 23.

It appears likely that France will follow Britain's isolationist lead, and will refuse immediate military aid to Czechoslovakia in the event of Germany invading that country.

It is understood that M. Paul Boncour told the Senate Foreign Regulations Committee that French obligations to Czechoslovakia did not include automatic intervention. He said the Government's policy was to avoid settlement of disputes by arms, although France was ready to honour her treaty obligations.

Meanwhile there are indications of changing sentiment in the newspaper comments. The *Depeche de Toulouse* says: "France is not prepared to be an instrument of any policy of false idealism."

The Perpignan *Independent* observes: "Negotiations resulting in peace are better than war." The Paris *Excelsior* publishes maps which reveal that Germany and Italy combined have three times the population of France, hence they have three times as much mobilised strength.

Regarding Italo-French relations, it is reported that M. Boncour said that at present it was impossible to send an Ambassador to Rome, firstly because of Signor Mussolini's alleged complicity in the Austrian anschluss, secondly the alleged violation of non-intervention in Spain, and thirdly his attitude towards France, as revealed in Mussolini's recent refusal to receive the French Charge d'Affaires.—United Press.

British Attitude

London, Mar. 23. It is understood that Mr. Neville Chamberlain's declaration on foreign policy in the House of Commons on Thursday will include:

1. No new commitments with Czechoslovakia or elsewhere in Central Europe;

2. Adherence to the existing commitments to aid France. If she is attacked;

3. Adherence to non-intervention in Spain;

4. Hope of an early signature to an Italian agreement.

Mr. Chamberlain told the House of Commons to-day that he hoped to make a statement soon on the Canton and Enderbury Islands situation. He said that Britain and the United States were jointly consulting with the Dominions concerned on the subject.—United Press.

Chamberlain Accused By U.S. Economist

Los Angeles, Mar. 23. Mr. Thomas Mann, prominent American economist, said to-day that Mr. Neville Chamberlain had made possible the Austrian coup through giving financial aid to Germany. "I am convinced that Mr. Chamberlain made a deal with Hitler to lend England's support in return to his agreeing to stop making demands for the return of colonies."

Mr. Mann added that a powerful group was constantly supporting Herr Hitler and had forced Mr. Anthony Eden's resignation.—United Press.

SMALLPOX STILL DECLINING

Smallpox is still declining, although 21 cases reported yesterday brought the year's total to over 1,600—the greatest smallpox epidemic the Colony has known.

Fourteen of yesterday's cases were reported from the residential areas of Victoria, the remainder coming from Kowloon.

One case of diphtheria on a Harcourt craft, a case of dysentery, in Abadada, three cases of typhoid (two in Kowloon and one in the harbour),

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Premier Asks Labour To Speed Re-Armament

SHANGHAI CUSTOMS MAY BE SEIZED

Hirota Favours Such Policy

Tokyo, Mar. 24. Mr. Koki Hirota, Japanese Foreign Minister, is reported to be favouring seizure of the Shanghai customs by the new Central China regime as soon as it is established, according to *Domei*. Concurring with his opinion is Mr. Seichiro Kita of the Minseito Party.

Regarding the disposal of the Shanghai customs, Mr. Hirota remarked that in such an event it would be necessary to respect scrupulously the vested rights and interests of others, and negotiations regarding the amount of revenue from Shanghai which should be earmarked for the service of foreign loans were still under way.

The Minister of Finance announced that the Japanese Government intended to link the currency of the Federal Bank of China with the yen. These announcements were made in the course of a debate at a meeting of a Lower House committee for examining the Bill providing for the establishment of North China and Central China Development Companies.

Mr. Kita pointed out that the financial independence of the new regime meant everything with regard to the future of the Central China Development Company, and he suggested an early seizure of the Shanghai customs.

TARIFF QUESTION

Agreeing with the speaker, the Foreign Minister said that when the new regime was established it would be in control of all official establishments in Central China, and they will be operated by it.

Turning to tariffs, Mr. Kita suggested that those in Central China should be made uniform with the tariffs in North China.

Such reforms, Mr. Hirota replied, should be brought about under the primary consideration of rates hitherto unfavourable to Japan, with due deference to be paid to foreign interests.

Stating that the question was under consideration, Mr. Hirota emphasised that in his opinion, tariff reform should be carried out throughout China, and not any one part of the country.—Reuter.

JAPANESE KEPT ON THE RUN

Counter-Offensive By Chinese Forces Retreats

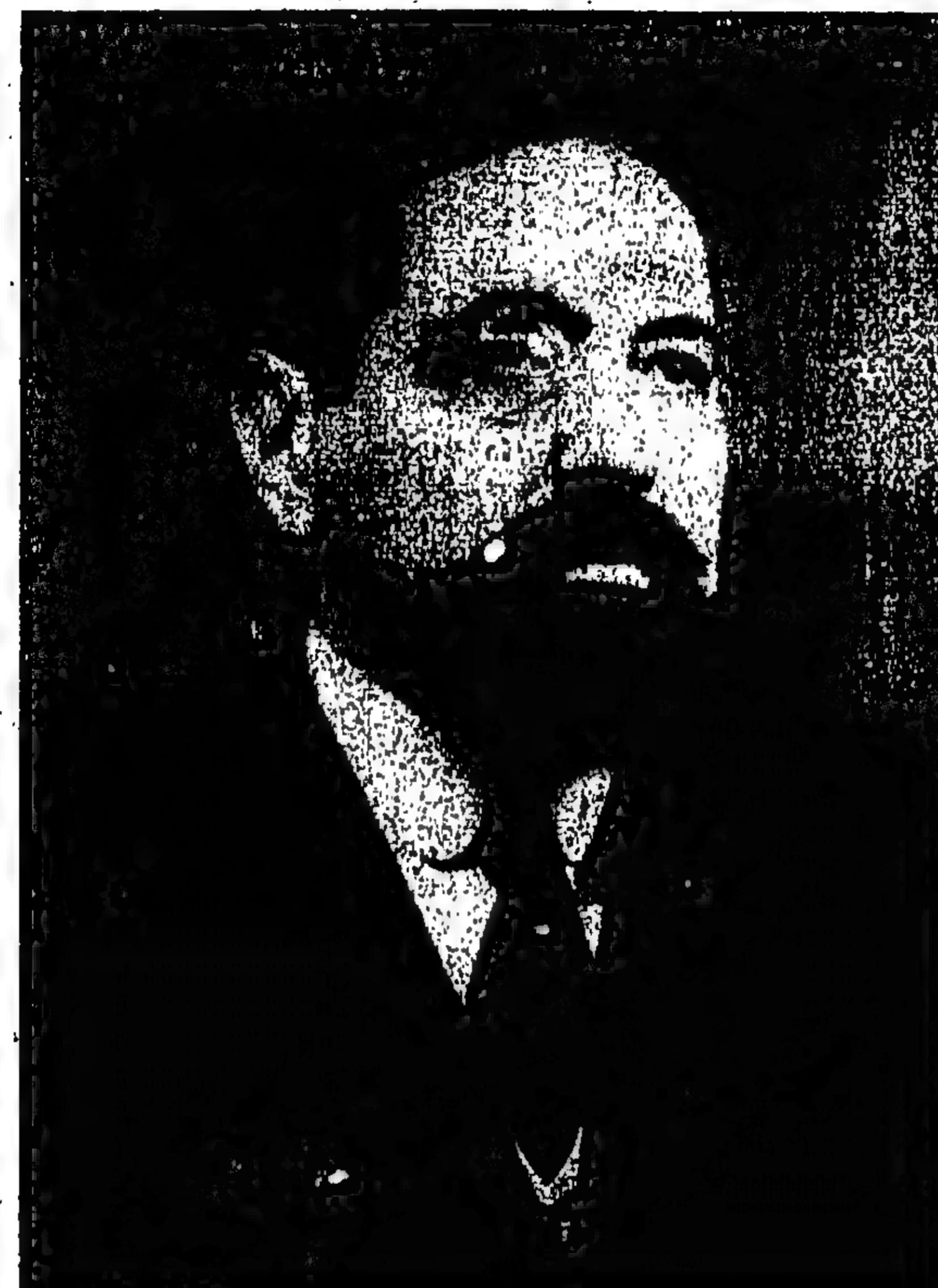
Hankow, Mar. 24. A Chinese spokesman announced to-day that a crack Chinese brigade counter-attacked the Japanese forces at Yihsiang on March 22, east of the Tientsin-Pukow railway, and forced the Japanese to retire within the walled city.

At the same time the Chinese command ordered another detachment to strike at the Japanese forces at Hanchwang, by a flanking movement from Huangshan and Yinpong.

The Chinese left wing, operating on the Tientsin-Pukow railway line, crossed the Grand Canal from Kinghsiang and Chuyeh in the direction of Tsining, according to the Chinese spokesman, who added that Chinese troops were now concentrated along the Grand Canal.

Meanwhile Chinese reports also claim that Japanese artillery units are withdrawing to the rear for fear of capture.

Severe fighting is also going on at Tangtouching in south-east Shantung, north of Lingy, where the Chinese troops are attempting to (Continued on Page 7.)



DR. ARTUR TAMAGNINI BARBOSA, GOVERNOR OF MACAO.

MACAO'S GOVERNOR WARMLY WELCOMED ON OFFICIAL VISIT

The most cordial manifestations of friendship were apparent in the welcome extended by the Colony to-day to His Excellency Dr. Artur Tamagnini Barbosa, Governor of Macao, who is returning the courtesy call made by the Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith, then Officer Administering the Government, in October last year.

H.E. Dr. Barbosa, accompanied by his staff, made the journey from the Portuguese Colony aboard the light cruiser, Bartholomeu Dias, arriving in Hongkong waters shortly before noon.

In honour of the occasion, many of the Portuguese community had managed to attend at Queen's ceremony where the brilliant spectacle of the reception was held. The pillars and arches of the pier had been gallantly decorated and the flags of Portugal and Great Britain were conspicuously displayed. Palms and ferns were arranged on the landing stage.

There were many leading citizens and officials already assembled there when the Bartholomeu Dias came into harbour and fired her salutes to the country and to H.E. the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote. The salutes were replied to by the Army and Royal Navy guns.

A.D.C. MEETS WARSHIP

The launch Britannia carrying Capt. M. C. Batty Smith, A.D.C. to H.E. Sir Geoffrey Northcote, and Mr. A. B. Laborinho, Consul for Portugal in Hongkong, went out to the warship to bring the official party ashore. (Continued on Page 9.)

NO IMPROVEMENT IN WEATHER LIKELY

To-day's cloudy and drizzling weather is likely to continue, according to this morning's forecast.

The northeast monsoon has again asserted itself, after the week-end's brief spell of spring weather, and drizzle or light rain is expected. Humidity still remains high, being only seven per cent below absolute saturation at 10 o'clock this morning. Temperature yesterday varied nine degrees from a minimum of 83 to a maximum of 72 degrees. (Continued on Page 8.)

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CHAMBERLAIN APPEALS TO UNION CHIEFS

But No Specific Plan To Be Put Forward

London, Mar. 23.

After a meeting this evening of Mr. Neville Chamberlain and Sir Thomas Inskip, Minister for the Co-ordination of Defence, with the full General Council of the Trade Union Congress, a *communiqué* was issued which stated:

"The Prime Minister told the Congress representatives that he did not intend to submit specific proposals to secure the acceleration of the defence programme the Government required. It is for the leaders of the different sections of industry, employers and employees, to discuss ways in which they can best give the Government the assistance needed.

"The Premier said that the object of meeting the General Council was to ask its goodwill and help, and to express confidence that with its knowledge of the issues at stake, it will accede to his request.

"The Trades Union Council undertook to give the Premier's important statement careful consideration at the earliest possible date."

"Mr. Chamberlain has invited the National Confederation of Employers' Organisations to meet him on the same subject.

It is noteworthy that this was the first time the Trades Union Council has visited No. 10 Downing Street since the General Strike in 1926.

It is officially understood that the Premier hinted, even if it was not directly mentioned, the possibility of training semi-skilled and unskilled labour, the relaxation of the Trade Union apprenticeship schemes, and the introduction of labour to engineering trades and other industries.

PREMIER EXPLAINS

The *communiqué* issued after the meeting explained that the General Council of the T.U.C. attended, in response to the Prime Minister's request, (Continued on Page 7.)

Two Charged With Murder Of Comrade

Indian Guards In Fatal Quarrel

The trial of Sher Saman and Fateh Khan, Indian guards, on a charge of murdering a comrade Hayat Mohamed, at Green Island, was commenced before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, in the Criminal Sessions this morning.

Mr. E. H. Williams, Assistant Attorney-General, prosecuted. First prisoner was represented by Mr. H. Somerset Fitzroy, instructed by Mr. C. A. S. Russ, and Mr. George She, instructed by Mr. Alfred S. K. Lau, appeared for the second.

The following was the Jury: Messrs. V. Benjamin (Foreman), P. S. Shum, C. E. Tavares, E. W. C. Simmons, C. M. Shand, R. J. Master and A. M. Tavares.

Mr. Williams said the dead man was given an extremely brutal beating, both his legs being broken besides numerous excessive injuries in the body. The first accused inflicted the beating with a heavy stick, and the second assisted him by holding the deceased.

What was the actual cause of the assault the Crown could not definitely say, but there was one incident which might have led to the murder. That was in connection with a bet which first prisoner and deceased had about the fixing of typhoon bars at the entrance to the examination room at Green Island, where they were stationed. First accused was of the opinion that the bars could only be fixed with the numbers facing him, and the deceased held this could be (Continued on Page 7.)

STOP PRESS

(Further Stop Press News on
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ITALIAN CRITICS OF TOKYO

Goodwill Mission Is "Not Impressed"

Tokyo, Mar. 24. According to Japanese reports, members of the Italian goodwill mission while touring Tokyo, told their Japanese escorts, that they were "not impressed" with the Y27,000,000 Diet building.

One member of the goodwill party said: "We do not understand why the Japanese people copy Britain so much. Italy is reviving the old Roman style of architecture, Japan must create from what she has herself."

Following the tour of the city, one Italian commented: "We searched in vain for a Japanese flavour."—United Press.

Old Custom Revived To Stop Banditry

Chungking, Mar. 24. In an effort to suppress banditry in Szechuan, the Central Government headquarters has issued instructions reviving the old custom known as the "Pao Chia" system, whereby householders throughout the province are formed into groups of ten. Members of each group are jointly held responsible for the good behaviour of the others, while the "Chia Chungs," or leaders of each group also receive a brief course of civil and military training.

The method provides the means whereby the civil population in Szechuan may be mobilized to assist the military forces in the event of such a necessity.—Reuter Special.

DETECTIVE ON RIGHT SPOT

Pang Fai, 37, unemployed, was charged before Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy this morning with larceny from the person of Li Lee, married woman, of \$151.22 in Hongkong currency, and five Central Bank of China ten-cent notes at Queen's Road West.

Defendant denied a second charge of impersonating a police officer, and this charge was withdrawn.

It was stated that complainant went to her husband's shop in Lower Lascar Row and was given a sum of money. While ascending the stairs to her flat in Queen's Road West, defendant came up from behind and demanded to see what she was carrying.

Defendant made a grab at the money she was carrying in her hand and ran down the stairs. Fortunately, a Chinese detective was outside the door, and on hearing the shouts of the woman arrested, defendant with the money in his possession.

Six months' imprisonment with hard labour was imposed.

CHARGED WITH USING KNIFE IN ASSAULT

Charged with inflicting grievous bodily harm with a knife on two relatives, Lo Kam-yung and Lo Yuk-lun, at a hut at Po Kong Wai village, Shaukiwan, on March 22, Lo Sun, 36, electrician, appeared before Mr. H. R. Butlers at the Central Magistracy this morning. He was remanded for a week on application of Inspector A. Wright.

The two injured persons were alleged to have been attacked by defendant when they visited him regarding an old debt. It was stated that the victims were only suffering from flesh wounds, and were being treated at the Queen Mary Hospital.

Bail of \$50 was allowed Lo Sun.

Japan Stops Shipping On Yangtse

Portuguese Vessel Turned Back

Shanghai, Mar. 24. A Portuguese steamer operating on the Yangtse was stopped by the Japanese and forced to return to Shanghai. This is the first incident since the promulgation of the new internal waterway and shipping laws introduced by the Japanese on February 21.

The Japanese authorities have now declared that they are "investigating" and the Portuguese Consul is also making enquiries.

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DOGS ATTACKED CHINESE POLICE CHARGE

Following on an incident on March 8 when a Chinese was bitten by two European dog owners, Mr. H. West, Ho Man-tin Hill, and Mrs. H. O'Dell, 9 Ho Man Tin Hill, appeared on summons before Mr. Q. A. A. Mifndy, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning.

Mr. West was charged with keeping a dog without a valid licence and with allowing the dog out inadequately muzzled, while Mrs. O'Dell was charged with allowing her fox terrier abroad without muzzle or lead.

Admitting the first count, Mr. West denied the second, declaring that the muzzle was adequate. The Magistrate pointed out that if a muzzled dog bit anyone it was deemed to be inadequately muzzled, but Mr. West stated that his dog had not bitten the Chinese.

Mrs. O'Dell pleaded guilty.

Sub-Inst. Armitt said that about 2.30 p.m. on March 8, a Chinese, Pun Suet, while looking for a friend who had formerly been employed at No. 9, came upon the two dogs. They both attacked him, and bit him simultaneously on each leg, tearing his trousers.

When Sgt. Cullinan was sent to make inquiries at the houses, both dogs had to be restrained.

Mrs. O'Dell was fined \$10 on her summons, and ordered to pay \$5 amends to Pun Suet. Mr. West's case was adjourned to Saturday.

CAUGHT THIEF IN HIS SHOP

A 29-year-old Chinese, Choi Chun-fai, was charged before Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy this morning with burglary at a shop in Lower Lascar Row yesterday. He admitted the offence.

Det. Sergeant J. Hunter, who prosecuted, said that Li Yee-tak, complainant, was awakened by some noise, went to inspect the floor, and on approaching the counter, he noticed the sudden flash of a torch-light.

He rushed behind the counter and a struggle ensued between complainant and the defendant. Defendant managed to escape from the shop and was arrested at Upper Lascar Row.

A second charge of returning from banishment was also preferred against Choi. He was banished for life in June last year.

Defendant was remanded until tomorrow.

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Favourite Wins Lincolnshire

First Time In 14 Years

London, Mar. 23. The Lincolnshire, the first big handicap event of the flat season, was run in lovely spring weather today, and resulted in a victory for Mr. Edward Esmond's Phakos, a joint 8 to 1 favourite. The horse won by three quarters of a length in the time of 1:41.8, which was six-tenths of a second outside the record.

Mr. Esmond is an internationally known sportsman, racing in Britain, France and India. He was unable to be present at the race.

Phakos was the first winning favourite in 14 years. Allegre, which was joint favourite, finished last.

The luck in the draw for positions at the start once again proved that the first three horses all drew high numbers and were near the stands. Last night's favourite, Gulsonia, was badly drawn near the rails and finished sixth, starting at 100 to 8.

The bookmakers said that the winner was heavily backed with prominent Grand National horses, and if one of them wins, they will lose millions of pounds.—Reuter.

ROOSEVELT FIGHTS FOR WAGE LAW

Carries Campaign Into South

New York, Mar. 23. Carrying the wages and hours fight into the heart of the south, President Franklin Roosevelt, speaking at Gainesville, Georgia, struck hard at southern industrial practices, when he said that most of their wages were too low.

National progress and prosperity were being held back chiefly on account of the selfishness of a few.

The aggressive tone of President Roosevelt's speech is regarded in Washington as an attempt to overcome by direct appeal to the electorate the recent tendency towards revolt in the democratic congressional majority.

It is predicted that President Roosevelt will take an active part in the congressional campaign this year with a view to bolstering his strength as party leader.—Reuter.

LEAN TO FASCISM

Gainesville, Mar. 23. President Roosevelt, in his first major address for three months, blamed the selfishness of a few citizens for retarding national progress and prosperity. He said those who believed that foundation was the "best system" were leaning towards Fascism.

"When you come down to it, there is little difference between the feudal system and the fascist system," said the President.

He warned Congress not to cease its fight for social and economic reforms, exclaiming: "The United States is rising and rebuilding on sounder lines. We propose to go forward, not back."

He deplored low wages and the low purchasing power in the southern States, and expressed satisfaction that the citizenry were "coming more and more to see that the continuation of the American system calls for the elimination of special privileges, the dissemination of the whole of the truth, and participation in prosperity by the people at the bottom of the ladder, as well as by those in the middle and at the top."

—United Press.

CATTLE SHIPMENT

During the year two shipments of cattle were imported from Canada, amounting to the expenditure of \$61,404.81 under Cattle Account. Since the closing of the books, three further shipments have been received, two from Canada, and one from Scotland. At the end of the year your herd numbered 1,700 which is a record.

HERD HEALTH GOOD

It is a pleasure to report that the herd is being maintained at 100 per cent. T. B. free and is in excellent health.

Stocks at \$631,290.01 are at an unusually high figure, but is a reflection of the increased demand. This condition is also reflected in the Accounts Payable and Accounts Receivable.

The sum of \$16,030.82 has been utilized from Fire and Typhoon Reserve to meet the cost of repairs to buildings, damaged in the September typhoon.

It is not considered necessary to add to this reserve, which incidentally has remained intact since 1924 and with the above deduction, now stands at the figure

Interned Soldiers Fight Way to Freedom

CHINESE KILL ONE FRENCH POLICEMAN IN NIGHT REVOLT

Authorities Now Combing All Shanghai For Band of Escaped Men

Shanghai, Mar. 24.

Three hundred Chinese ex-soldiers, who were interned in the concentration camp in French Concession, and who had since taken refuge in the Concession after the evacuation of Nantao four months ago, revolted last night.

With the aid of smuggled arms, knives and clubs, they tried to hack their way through the barbed wire fence round the camp and to overcome the guards.

Several shots were fired, and one Tonkingese French policeman was killed, while between 20 and 30 Chinese escaped before order was restored.

Extra guards are now on duty in the camp while the French Concession and International Settlement police are searching Chinese lodging houses and hotels for those who escaped, some of whom are reported to be armed.—Reuter.

SUGAR AGREEMENT IS RATIFIED

Washington, Mar. 23. President F. D. Roosevelt has ratified the international sugar agreement.—Reuter.

RELIGIOUS COURTS DISPERSED

Jerusalem, Mar. 23. The High Commissioner in Palestine has ordered the dismissal of judges and officials in nine Moslem religious courts, states a Government

SHIPS IN WIRELESS COMMUNICATION

The following ships are expected to be in wireless communication with the Hongkong Radio Station: Conte Rosso, Conte Biancamano, Pingwo, Scharnhorst, Terukuni Maru, Tengsant, President Cleveland, Empress of Japan, Tsinan, Empress of Russia, Atsuta Maru, Forafic, Knyesom, Kaiapul, Taliing, Vogland, Rielero, and Dilwara.

Big Sum For U.S. Defence

Washington, Mar. 23.

The House of Representatives Appropriations Committee to-day reported favourably on defence appropriations, and stated that the \$447,803,550 for war supplies included \$10,880,000 for anti-aircraft defences and ammunition supplies, \$10,000,000 for aircraft, the latter being one of the major increases, \$1,050,447 for pay for men enlisted in the Philippines Scouts and \$1,490,340 for seacoast defences.

Insular departments had not specified their amounts required.

Representative Craig advocated that the regular army should total 173,000, and that it should have 1,378 planes by June 30 in order to reach the ultimate objective of 2,320 by June 30, 1940.—United Press.

INCREASED ESTIMATES

Washington, Mar. 23.

The army estimates for the next financial year were presented to Congress to-day by representatives of the Appropriations Committee, and they proved to be nearly as large as in 1920-21, when the army of occupation was still in Germany.

The Bill asks for \$447,000,000, which is \$32,000,000 above the present year.—Reuter.

SEYSS-INQUART SEES "CHIEF"



Austria's new Number One, Dr. Arthur Seyss-Inquart, who, according to the German press, "enjoys Hitler's special confidence," is shown at left in this W. W. Radiophoto conferring with Der Fuehrer in Berlin. It was at this conversation that steps in the Austrian coup were planned, it is believed.

JAPANESE ATTACKERS ROUGHLY HANDLED AND DRIVE LIKELY TO FAIL

Chengyangkwan, Mar. 24.

The collapse of the Japanese southward drive is imminent, according to competent military observers.

These observers point out that the southward drive launched by the Japanese after their failure to bridge the gap on the Tientsin-Pukow railway line by a northward drive from Linhwaikwan and Pingpu has already suffered serious setbacks at Tenghsien, Hanchwang, Lincheng and Lini during the last few days, which greatly affected the morale of the Japanese troops. Further reverses will result in the total collapse of their lines on the northern sector of the railway, it is believed.

Owing to the lack of man power it is almost impossible for the Japanese to launch simultaneous drives on the north and the south sectors of the railway line and even if they did the Chinese lurking on both sides of the railway can cut their communication lines and encircle them at any point.—Central News.

Hospitals Packed With Wounded

Hsichow, Mar. 24.

An average of a thousand Japanese wounded soldiers are sent back to the Japanese rear everyday, according to military intelligence reports.

All field and base hospitals of the Japanese along the Peiping-Hankow Railway are now packed to capacity. It is stated that the Japanese military command has petitioned the home government for funds to open more hospitals in North China.—Central News.

Recapture Of Hoku Confirmed

Sian, March 24.

A telegram received here from General Ho Chu-kuo confirms the recapture of Hoku on the east bank of the Yellow River.

According to the telegram, the town was retaken on March 19 by troops under General Ho, who crossed the Yellow River from Shensi and routed the 500 Japanese troops in the city. Plunkwan, east of Hoku, was recaptured on the same day.—Central News.

Japanese Surrounded, Defeated

Chengchow, March 24.

Chinese forces which crossed the Yellow River in north Honan attacked the Japanese troops stationed at Wenshien and Menghsien yesterday morning.

A part of the Japanese troops at Menghsien were enveloped and badly defeated at Kankuchiao, a point south-west of the city. Four Japanese field pieces were captured. Wenshien is besieged by 500 Japanese troops inside the city.—Central News.

Liuchiu Soldiers Commit Suicide

Lini, Shantung, Mar. 24.

The bodies of eight Liuchiu soldiers in the Japanese army who committed suicide by hanging themselves were found at Tangtouchen by Chinese troops under the command of General Pang Ping-hsun yesterday. A slip of paper found on one of the bodies states that they were natives of the Liuchiu Islands which were formerly a Chinese dependency but were annexed by Japan during the Ching dynasty, and that they would not fight against their fatherland.—Central News.

Danger To Hsichow Removed

Hsichow, Mar. 24.

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U. S. COMMODITY PRICES LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS

New York, March 23.

New York Cotton
Opening Closing
May 6.54/53 6.61/62
July 6.58/60 6.60/68
October 6.61/62 6.72/72
December 6.61/61 6.73/73
Jan. (1938) 6.64/64 6.75/77
Mar. (1938) 6.66/67 6.76/76
Spot 6.67

The First Notice Day for May Cotton is April 26.

New York Rubber

May 13.10/11 12.89/89
July 13.18/13 13.00/02
September 13.30/32 13.15/18
December 13.51/47 13.37/38
January 13.43N
Sales for the day:— 5,440 tons.

Chicago Wheat

May 60% 68% 80% 80%
July 63% 65% 83% 83%
Sept. 63% 63% 83% 83%

Tuesday's Sales:— 19,207,000 bushels.

Chicago Corn

May 50% 50% 50% 50%
July 61% 61% 61% 61%
Sept. 62% 62%

Winnipeg Wheat

May 110% 116% 115% 115%
July 107% 107% 100% 107%
October 90% 90%

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

SWAN, CULBERTSON & FRITZ LATEST REPORTS

New York, Mar. 23. S. C. & F. correspondent cables: Stocks: The market is due for a technical rally, but we expect subsequent weakness. The establishment of new bear-market lows is an unfavourable indication.

Cotton: The market showed early weakness on the action of stocks and the repetition of unfavourable statistics. The technical position of the market at present should enable a prompt response to any favourable development, as a scarcity of contracts is apparent on any small upturns in price. The spot and textile markets are sluggish. Intense cultivation of the new-crop on the reduced acreage is indicated.

Wheat: Better cables from abroad, scattered reports of frost and exports of probably over 600,000 bushels had a steady effect on the market.

Corn: The market is steady and conditions are unchanged. Exports totalled 500,000 bushels.

Rubber: February shipment of casings totalled 2,348,040 and of tubes 2,100,020. February production of casings was 2,211,889 and of tubes 2,105,289. February inventories show casings at 10,833,030 and tubes at 10,161,093. The weakness of the Singapore market and free offerings of actual rubber met with little factory interest. Estimates of the probable quota range from "no change" to 50%.

Sugar: The market showed early weakness on scattered liquidation. Prices stalled on Cuban covering, as the United States officially ratified the International Sugar Agreement. S. C. & F. Dow Jones summary of yesterday's markets:

The entire market to-day touched new lows since 1935. Rail stocks and bonds again showed lows since 1932. Trading was heavy and the

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

KOWLOON RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION.

HONG KONG CLUB

Notice

The Ninety Fourth Yearly General Meeting of the Members of the Hong Kong Club will be held in the Club House on Thursday, the 24th March, 1938, at 6.30 p.m.

By order,

S. R. KERR,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 14th March, 1938.

HONGKONG & WHAMPOA DOCK CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held in the Offices of the Company, 2 Queen's Building, Hongkong, on Monday, 28th March, 1938, at Noon for consideration of the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1937.

The Share Register and Transfer Book will be closed from 12th to 28th March, 1938, both days inclusive.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS,

E. COCK,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 3rd March, 1938.

THE RENTS QUESTION.

Following upon an interview with the Rents Commission, those persons who have answered the Association's questionnaire are requested to call upon the Commission between the hours of 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, 26th March, at the Urban Council Chamber, top floor, Post Office Building.

They should bring with them rent receipts, landlord's or solicitor's letters announcing an increase of rent or giving notice to quit, and tenancy agreements, if any.

The Association, being bound to treat all answers to its questionnaire as confidential, is unable to forward them to the Commission. It is therefore important that persons who wish their cases to be considered by the Commission should themselves bring them to the notice of the Commission on Saturday, 26th March.

R. BALDWIN,
Hon. Secretary.

NOTICE

An Old Blues' Dinner will be held on 29th March.

Any Old Blues who have not already been notified by letter are requested to communicate with J. P. McIntyre, at 42, Kennedy Road, Hongkong.

NOTICE

Messrs. John I. Thornycroft & Co. Limited have moved their Executive Offices to St. George's Building, First Floor, Hongkong. Telephone No. 22363.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LTD.

Notice to Shareholders

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Society will be held at the HEAD OFFICE, Union Building, Hong Kong, on WEDNESDAY, 13th APRIL, 1938, at 11 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1937, and of declaring Dividends, etc.

The SHARE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from 26th MARCH to 13th APRIL, Both Days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
A. W. HUGHES,
General Manager.

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.

Notice to Shareholders

The Sixty-ninth Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on Tuesday, the 29th March, 1938, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1937.

The Share Register and Transfer Book will be closed from the 16th to the 29th March, 1938, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board,
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General Managers,

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Hongkong, 7th March, 1938.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LTD.

Notice to Shareholders

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SIXTY-NINTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company will be held at its HEAD OFFICE, Union Building, Hong Kong, on WEDNESDAY, 13th APRIL, 1938, at 11.20 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1937, and of declaring Dividends, etc.

The SHARE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 26th MARCH to 13th APRIL, Both Days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
A. W. HUGHES,
General Manager.

Hongkong, 14th March, 1938.

BRITISH TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LTD.

Notice to Shareholders

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SEVENTY-SECOND ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company will be held at its HEAD OFFICE, Union Building, Hong Kong, on Wednesday, 13th APRIL, 1938, at 11.25 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1937, and of declaring Dividends, etc.

The SHARE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 26th MARCH to 13th APRIL, Both Days inclusive.

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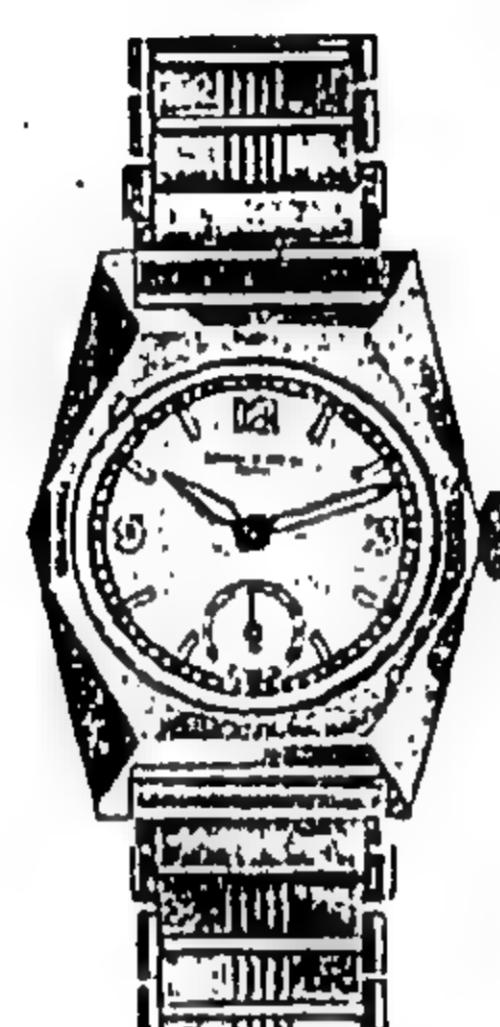
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RECORD



Claims Wages For Patriotic Campaign

Bank Manager On Witness Stand

Further evidence in the claim for remuneration of \$816.33 against the Hon. Sir Shouson Chow, Mr. Kan Tong-po, manager of the Bank of East Asia, Mr. Li Sling-kul, Chairman of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, and Mr. Shou J. Chen, Manager of the Bank of China, brought by Mr. Francis Yee, was heard before Mr. Justice R. E. Lindsell at the Summary Court this morning.

The claim against the four defendants, who were stated to have been delegated by the Chinese Government to take charge of the sale of Salvation Bonds in Hongkong, is in connection with the advertising campaign for the bonds.

The plaintiff was represented by Mr. M. A. da Silva, while Mr. Peter H. Sheppen for Sir Shouson Chow and Mr. Shou J. Chen. Mr. C. Y. Kwan was for the other two defendants.

A counter-claim for damages in the sum of \$385 was brought by Sir Shouson Chow and Mr. Chen. The claim is for alleged breach of duty by plaintiff in authorising or procuring the printing of 10,000 posters.

Mr. Shou J. Chen continued giving evidence from the previous hearing when he said that the committee had never sanctioned or tried to put up any poster, and that it was definitely decided that they would not make use of posters.

The sub-manager of the Bank of China, Dr. S. F. Lam was then questioned by Mr. Sin, and in reply said that he was not a member of the Bond Committee. No rough sketch of the poster had been shown to him by the plaintiff before its printing, and when the bill arrived for the posters he took the plaintiff to see Mr. Chen who was annoyed about it as he had not approved of the poster.

Mr. C. Y. Kwan who is acting for the second and third defendants, then submitted that there was no case to answer in respect to his own clients, as in the writ his clients were sued personally, and there was nothing either in the title or the endorsement suggesting that his clients were sued in their representative capacity.

After citing from different legal authorities, His Lordship said they might possibly save some time if any other evidence could be brought up after the summing up of Mr. Sin's case had been heard.

It was agreed that his remuneration should be \$200 per month as from November 1, 1937, and that he was wrongfully dismissed on November 13. To succeed the plaintiff must prove conclusively that he was so employed upon the basis alleged by him. The campaign may operate until March 31, 1938, but it does not follow that the plaintiff will be engaged until then.

An allowance of about \$150 a month was hinted by the plaintiff himself, and even on October 18 no specific allowance had been arrived at between him and his clients. The fact that no arrangement for remuneration had been made can be seen even on the receipts, as plaintiff signed for different amounts as so much for allowance, counsel said.

The plaintiff now seeks to rely upon the arrangement made on October 26, that his salary should be \$200 a month from November 1; the \$200 to include pay for his two helpers. If that is true, the plaintiff could be dismissed instantly for his misconduct.

The plaintiff had without sanction or authority exhibited the posters on buses and trams, and it is absolutely clear that without authority he ordered the printing of 10,000 posters and exhibited them, counsel went on.

It was clearly made known to him that for amounts over \$50, permission must first be obtained.

If Mr. Chen had given the order to the plaintiff for the posters he would not have made such a fuss when the printer called for payment. That fact is substantiated by Dr. Lam who was present at the time, counsel said.

On the evidence shown, the first and fourth defendants rightly terminated the plaintiff's engagement. Judgment was also asked for the counter-claim, as it had clearly been shown that no permission had been given by Dr. Lam or Mr. Chen, said Mr. Sin.

The case is proceeding.

POST OFFICE.

INWARD MAILED

From	To	Date
Japan and Shanghai	Terukuni Maru	March 24
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Japan and Shanghai	Bangalore	March 25
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A SPECIMEN CASE

Case No. 2568

Reported in July by the Salvation Army. The father died eight years ago leaving two children and a widow who earned her living by sewing canvas shoes on a machine lent her by a former employer who has left for the country taking his machine with him. She is now out of work. The Society is maintaining the boy (ten years) at the St. Louis Industrial School and the girl (eight years) has been admitted to the Tung Wah Hospital Free School.

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JAPANESE CONVICTS MUTINY

Two-hour Drama On Fishing Boat

Tokyo, Mar. 24. The Yokosuka correspondent of the Yomiuri Shimbun states that 27 boys, aged 17, inmates of the Uruga prison, whose daily form of compulsory punishment included fishing, have mutinied on the Sokoku Maru off Hachijo Island. They fought desperately for two hours and almost overpowered the ship's guards, who finally reached the wireless room and summoned help.

Ringleaders of the mutineers rushed the wireless cabin, but the guards worked the key. A police boat rushed to the scene, but at present is unable to board the Sokoku Maru owing to the high seas.

The guards are unable to report the present situation by radio.

Meanwhile the police boat is at Hachijo Island.

The mutineers are said to have intended to sail to America—United Press.

GAMING HOUSE RAIDED

A raid carried out by Detective-Sergeant J. Bentley and a party of police officers in Luard Road yesterday resulted in the appearance of H. Tsing before Mr. H. R. Butters at the Central Magistracy this morning, charged with keeping the address as a common gaming house. He admitted the charge and was fined \$20. Six other men were arrested in the premises, charged with gambling and convicted.

BARCELONA BOMBING DISCUSSED

Prime Minister's Reply

London, Mar. 23. The subject of the recent bombing of Barcelona was again raised to-night at question time in the House of Commons. The Prime Minister, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, said no reply had been received from the Insurgent authorities in Spain to the protest addressed to them. When asked for a definition of an open town, and why Barcelona, in which was situated the seat of the government, military bases, munition factories, docks and railways, was so classed, he replied that the rules of international law as to what constituted military objectives were indefinite.

Pending the conclusion of an examination of the subject, which had been undertaken by Government departments, he was not in a position to make any statement.

One definite rule of international law was that direct and deliberate bombing of non-combatants was in all circumstances illegal. His Majesty's Government's protest was based on information which had led it to the conclusion that the bombardment of Barcelona, carried on apparently at random, and without the special aim of military objectives, was in fact of this nature.

In reply to a further question, the Prime Minister said the recent representations made to the Vatican were not such as to call for a reply, but he understood the Vatican was deeply interested in prevention of air raids on civilian populations in Spain, and was no doubt taking such action as was considered best calculated to achieve this end.—British Wireless.

Record Fliers Hop Off From Singapore

Singapore, Mar. 23. Flying Officer Clouston, accompanied by Mr. Victor Ricketts, took off from here for Calcutta at 5.47 p.m. G.M.T., today, having accomplished the perilous crossing of the Arasura and Timor Seas in the course of their attempted world record flight from England to New Zealand and back.—Reuter.

THE PRISONERS OF CZECHO-SLOVAKIA

(Continued from Page 6.)

Berlin, Dresden, and Breslau within an hour.

Ten years ago I said that Czechoslovakia was a disturbing element in Central Europe. To-day the war-clouds hang heavy along her frontiers.

There might still be time for the Czech Government to make preparation, but it is under the control of the same scheming politicians as brought that hybrid country into existence.

Not A Friend

DR. BENES was the chief begetter of the Czechoslovak State. Of him, even so sympathetic a Socialist writer as Professor Harold Laski has said: "I doubt whether any European statesman entirely trusts Dr. Benes. No one knows better than he how to be most things to all men."

Dr. Benes has done well out of his political career. Signs of the wrath to come suggest he would do well either to retire or to reform his prison-camp policy. It is significant that his country has not a single friend among the five States on her own borders.

The Pharaoh who hardened his heart was engulfed by the Red Sea. It is the more terrible flood of German armaments that is surging round the Czech frontiers to-day. The prisoners of Czechoslovakia may yet see their captors overtaken by the fate of that old Egyptian tyrant who would not let the people go.

GAMBLERS CAUGHT

A raid by the police in Hollywood Road resulted in the arrest of 14 Chinese, and Chan Chung, 36, unemployed, was charged with keeping the flat as a common gaming house, while the rest were charged with gambling. All were convicted. Total money of \$3,04 was ordered to be donated to the Poor Box.

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Distinguished Soldier Found Shot To Death

Major-General Watson Old Campaigner

London, Mar. 23. Major-General Hugh W. M. Watson, who was home on sick leave, was found dead to-day in a hedge near Leamington. A sporting gun was by his side, and he had severe head injuries—Reuter.

Major-General Hugh Wharton Watson, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., had been Inspector-General and Military Adviser in the Iraq Army since 1937.

Born in August, 1881, his father was a distinguished soldier. He joined the Militia 7th King's Royal Rifles in 1899, and obtained a regular Commission in 1900. He served in the South African War in Somaliland in 1903 and 1904. From 1908 to 1912 he was A.D.C. to the G.O.C., 5th Division Curragh, and in 1914 was appointed Adjutant to the 6th King's Royal Rifles. He served in the Great War from the beginning to the end, including the battles at St. Eloi, Ypres Salient and Cambrai. In 1916 he fulfilled special service in Gallipoli. He was on the General Staff G.H.Q., the General Staff of the 8th Corps, and was Brigade-Major of the 158th Brigade and took part in the evacuation of Suvla, Egypt in 1915. A year later he was in command of the 2/4th Queen's Royal West Surrey Regiment, and from 1917 to 1918 was Brigadier-General Commandant at the Senior Officers' School, Aldershot.

During the Great War he was twice wounded, and was awarded the C.M.G., D.S.O., with Bar, and appointed Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel.

From 1920 to 1930 he commanded the 139th (Sherwood Foresters) Brigade (T.A.), and from 1932 to 1934 was commander of the Cairo Brigade, Egypt.

27 DROWN WHEN STEAMER SINKS

Tokyo, Mar. 24. Twenty-seven were drowned, and 14 rescued when a small passenger steamer crashed into the rocks during a fog off Chemulpo, Korea, yesterday.—United Press.

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**AN ALLY FROM
THE WEST**

Hongkong to-day extends a welcome to His Excellency the Governor of Macao, Dr. Artur Tamagnini Barbosa, one of Portugal's most distinguished and popular diplomats. When the Portuguese warship which brings him here exchanges salutes with His Majesty's representatives they will have more than ordinary significance. They will punctuate another chapter of the story of Anglo-Portuguese friendship which goes back nearly 900 years.

It is a rather interesting and instructive friendship, that which has existed between two maritime powers which were always in the forefront in the early days of colonisation and discovery. Britain has played a part in Portugal's history from the earliest times of Portuguese nationhood. When Ferdinand of Castile partly recovered what is now Portugal for Christendom, driving out the Moors, the foundation of the present republic was laid. In 1095 Portugal won independence as the hereditary fief of the great Count Henry of Burgundy; and it was his son, Alfonso I, who assumed the title of King of Portugal in 1139. With the help of English Crusaders he captured Lisbon in 1147. Centuries later Portugal was to come to England's aid in the greatest war in history.

Meanwhile, Portugal flourished. And in her most trying hours when she was challenged by trade rivals jealous of her growing power and her rich possessions, England helped her. Against the might of Spain England was her ally. In the Peninsula War against Napoleon, Portugal and Britain were again shoulder to shoulder. Even when disputes arose between these two nations, as was bound to happen in their colonial adventuring, they were settled without bloodshed.

When the Great War broke out Portugal responded to the British request for aid, commandeered all German and Austrian vessels in her waters. In March, 1916, Portuguese troops

Yesterday T. Paul Gregory told you of the Hongkong convict who received 239 lashes in prison. This article tells —

**What Punishment With The
"Cat" Is Really Like**

A MAN now serving five years imprisonment in Stanley Prison received twelve strokes of the "Cat-o'-nine-tails" last week. Yesterday another robber was sentenced at the Supreme Court to receive 12 lashes.

The "Cat" can only be administered by order of the Court or the Governor.

Not many years ago Hongkong witnessed floggings of prisoners in public. One convict received a total of 230 lashes.

What is the "cat"? It consists of a long wooden stick, to the end of which are attached nine 28-inch long strips; of cord, interspersed at every six inches with knots of silk cord.

For what is the "cat" administered?

For offences within prison—inciting to mutiny, assaulting a prison officer, or for a particularly brutal assault upon a fellow convict.

The court can inflict the "cat" for robbery with violence and also upon men convicted as "incorrigible rogues of a certain type of offence connected with white slavery."

The "cat" is usually administered in doses of twelve, eighteen, twenty-four, or thirty-six strokes. If more than twelve strokes are given the flogging is carried out by two warders, one left hand and one right hand.

When a convict is to be flogged he is taken to a place away from the other prisoners and is examined by the prison doctor, who has to certify him able to receive the punishment.

Then the man is stripped to the waist, handcuffed, and his feet fixed to a steel contraption like a tripod.

This causes the man to raise himself slightly on his toes and bend forward to receive the lashings.

Then two warders place a screen over the back of his head as a protection to the neck, while another two officers place a similar screen across the lower part of the spine.

The prison governor, chief officer, and the hospital attendants are all present. The doctor is the only man to stand in front of the prisoner in order that he may determine the condition of the convict at the flogging progresses.

BANDAGES

If the convict shows signs of fainting, after even the second lash has been inflicted the doctor has the right to stop the flogging, and, by law, the convict can never again be brought up for the rest of the punishment.

After the flogging is over, a lint bandage soaked in ointment, is placed on the wounds, and the man is returned to his cell.

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THE "EVERY IDEA"

**IT'S TIME
TO DRINK
ABOUT
SUMMER**

By Ed. Kelly, Hot Stuff

BY JOVE!

That was a real spot of thunderstorm we had the other night.

Which reminds us that summer is a-coming.

If any good looking girl wants to be taught to swim during the next few months, we are available.

We specialise in teaching the crawler stroke.

We like dancing in the winter and Jantzen in the summer. Especially when there's something nice in the Jantzen.

We confess to a certain handsomeness and manliness in our bathing costume, although our missus doesn't agree with us.

Only the other day we were asking her about our 1936 bathing costume.

"Call that a bathing costume," she said scornfully. "It's indecent. You might as well get one tattooed on you. If you must know, I'm using it as a duster."

"A man can never keep anything in this house! What are people going to say when we go on the beach with no bathing costume on?"

"We must see about getting a new ice chest for the mashed."

"LISTEN! I'M TALKING ABOUT MY BATHING COSTUME!"

"Why?"

There's no answer to that. But we shall be there, doing a bit of lolling and munching an ice-cream cone. Watching the breakers break and pinching towels.

Anyone of the opposite sex who wants to know how to loll will also be taught by us.

We are experts at lolling. The last time we loll'd was responsible for us getting married.

We notice that feminine bathing costumes are going to be more daring than ever this year.

Rubber brassieres will replace last year's cotton, probably because they found that cotton brassieres torso.

Mr. Kelly did not stop here. We did.—Editor.

**The Prisoners
of
Czecho-Slovakia**

By

VISCOUNT ROTHERMERE

MOST blunders in life have to be paid for. The blunder of creating that synthetic and spurious State called Czecho-Slovakia may well cost Europe another war.

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minutes, digests, drafts, summaries and maps. The result to indulgent recognition from the Allies.

At the Peace Conference this view was pressed upon the Supreme Council with much bogus evidence to back it up. A typical example was the notorious "Pittsburg Agreement" of May 30, 1918, by which Czechs and Slovaks were supposed to have agreed to combine to form a State. This was negotiated by Dr. Masaryk, who afterwards became President of Czechoslovakia, during a propaganda tour in the United States.

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These two bold contingents of foreigners have since been held as the prisoners of Czecho-Slovakia. They were handed over to the Czechs with no more consultation than if they had been cattle, and have been treated by the Czech authorities with an advanced base for a Soviet attack on Germany. From aerodromes on Czech soil the Bolshevik warplanes could be over

As captives of a race notorious for petty meanness they have

been subjected to cold-blooded expropriation and oppression. Every effort has been made to suppress their languages, and the Czech police have tried to break their spirit by systematic persecution.

Loaded With Spoils

A few years ago a Defence of the Realm Act was passed which exposes any German or Hungarian to instant deportation from his home on the frontiers to the interior of the country at the whim of the local Czech authorities.

For, loaded as they are with spoils, the Czechs have a guilty conscience. They have armed intensely without regard for the spirit of the Treaty of Versailles, to which they owe their adventurous existence.

Had it not been for Hitler, the Czechs might never have had to rue their evil doings. But the immense development of armed strength in Nazi Germany now threatens them with retribution. The grievances of the 3 1/4 million Germans who live under the oppressive rule of Prague are not unheeded in Berlin, where the just claims of Hungary for the recovery of her lost nationalities beyond the Czech border have also found sympathetic consideration.

The dragon's teeth that the Czechs have sown are sprouting all around them in a crop of deadly dangers.

Dreading this menace of retribution, Czecho-Slovakia made a pact of mutual assistance with Russia. A large mission of Red Air Force officers at once came to Prague and has set itself to organise the use of Czech aerodromes and fuel supplies by Bolshevik warplanes.

Smouldering Wrath

The only effect of this has been to fan the smouldering wrath of Germany, for Czecho-Slovakia, thanks to the position carved out for her in the heart of Europe, might well serve as an advanced base for a Soviet attack on Germany. From aerodromes on Czech soil the Bolshevik warplanes could be over

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DEATH OF FAMOUS INDIAN PRINCE

The Maharaja Of Patiala

Lahore, Mar. 23. The death is announced of Sir Bhupinder Singh, the Maharaja of Patiala, at the age of 47.—Reuter.

Sir Bhupinder Singh, Maharaja of Patiala, was the head of the Sikhs in India. Born in October 1890, he succeeded his father in 1900, but did not actually rule till 1910. He had, in the meantime, received an excellent education, and his accession to power was marked by the development of the progressive policy pursued by the council of regency, great attention being devoted to the welfare of his people.

The ruler of the largest State in the Punjab, with a population of 1,500,000, he was a man of great wealth, with an income estimated at £300,000. His palaces were treasure houses of jewels. At the coronation of the Maharaja of Kashmire, the jewels he wore were worth £200,000.

The Maharaja was a keen sportsman. He was a clever polo player and an excellent batsman. In 1911 he was captain of the Indian cricket team which toured England and he played against the M. C. C. team in India in 1920-7.

A LOYAL PRINCE

When the Indian expeditionary force left for France in the autumn of 1914, he accompanied it, but a serious illness made it necessary for him to return to India before he had reached Egypt. His State supplied a large contingent to the army—28,000 men—and as head of the Sikhs, the Maharaja did much to stimulate recruiting in other parts of the Punjab, as well as making generous gifts of money and material. The troops from Patiala were employed in nearly all the theatres of war.

When along with Sir S. P. Sinha (afterwards Lord Sinha) the Maharaja was selected as a member of the Imperial War Cabinet and went to England in the summer of 1918, he visited the troops in France and elsewhere.

During the troubles in the Punjab in the spring of 1919 he played an important part in bringing them to an end. His influence maintained calm in his own territory and the adjacent districts. Later, for the Afghan war he offered his services and those of his troops, and was given a staff appointment. He took part in an exhausting campaign in the hot weather, remaining at the front until an armistice was granted to the Amir.

In 1921 he took a leading part in the inauguration of the Chamber of Princes. He was raised to the rank of a major-general, his permanent local salary was increased from 17 to 29 guns, and he received the G.C.S.I., G.C.I.E. and G.B.E.

In August 1928, he visited London with the Maharani in semi-state, taking the entire fifth floor of the Savoy Hotel, the "Millionaire's Wing", which comprise 35 suites or 100 rooms. In 1928 he took a country house at Chalfont St. Giles.

KEEN ON INDIAN POLITICS

The Maharaja displayed a keen interest in the extension of self-government in India. Chancellor of the Chamber of Princes, he declined in 1928 that they would never submit to be ruled by British India. The Princes would safeguard the separate political existence of their States of all costs.

A situation had arisen in which the interests of the States had been subordinated to those of British India wherever the two conflicted. At that time he favoured a federal system, but in 1931 he asserted that the federation scheme proposed was fraught with danger to the very existence of the Indian States. He suggested instead a union of the Indian States alone in direct relationship with the Crown.

Later he stated that he was not opposed to the principle of federation, but merely to the scheme outlined in the Federal Structure Report. In January 1935, he moved a resolution in the Chamber of Princes stating their readiness to federate, if the Constitution Act in its final form satisfied their conditions.

Replying to those Indian politicians who favoured federation in the hope that the Princes will be forced to introduce a democratic form of government, the Maharaja said: "If British India hopes to compel us to wear on our healthy body-politic the Nessus shirt of a discredited political theory, they are living in a world of unreality". He had previously declined to have anything to do with the Congress creed of independence for all India.

DECORATED BY POPE

In 1930 a number of charges were made against the ruler in a pamphlet, but an inquiry held by a British official failed to substantiate any of them. The charges, it was held, were the result of a conspiracy in certain quarters to vilify and disgrace the Maharaja. When he left for England in that year, however, there was a hostile demonstration by thousands of people. It was said that they objected to friendship between Patiala and the Government of India.

In 1935 he went to London for the celebration of King George's Jubilee. On his way he was received by the Pope who bestowed on him the Grand Cross of the Order of St. Gregory. He disliked being made to appear an "Arabian Nights Prince". My fable stories about the way he spent his money which justified people in thinking they might as well have done it. If he did not know any better way of using it. B. S.

TWO CHARGED WITH MURDER OF COMRADE

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done in reverse order. They beat the deceased won.

FELLOW VILLAGERS

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Accused and deceased had their quarters in the same bungalow, while the others, together with the Sergeant, slept at the Police Station. The guards occasionally left the Island to do other work, and on January 29 the second accused was put on anti-plague work. He was absent for about a fortnight, and on his return on February 14 the guards were on friendly terms.

WANTED MONEY BACK

The bet, continued Counsel, took place on February 5, and on learning of this on his return, second accused asked deceased to hand back the money. Evidence would be given that he asked several times and appeared angry on every occasion when his demand was not complied with. He was also heard to say that he would get back the money if he could.

On the day of the murder, February 17, second prisoner repeated his request and was again refused. He went on duty at 5 p.m. and was relieved about an hour later by guards 24 and 77.

Sometime after 8.30 p.m. someone sounded the alarm bell at the Police Station, where the Sergeant was sleeping. It was not known who sounded the bell. On hearing the alarm, guard 28 immediately answered and walked towards the Station from the pier, where he was on duty. Meanwhile, the Sergeant had also been awakened and went out to make inquiries. On the way he met a boatman, Lam Chiu, who told him he had heard groans coming from the bungalow, where accused and deceased had their quarters.

The Sergeant immediately went to the bungalow, where he saw deceased lying on his bed, and the accused sitting on their own. The first words spoken by deceased were: "I have been killed." Mr. Bailey was immediately sent for, but before his arrival, deceased again remarked: "My two legs are broken and I have been injured on the side."

Immediately afterwards, guard 26 arrived on the scene, and deceased spoke to him, at the same time pointing to the accused: "You see these two fellow-villagers have killed me." Guard 26 asked: "Who has assaulted you?" and deceased replied: "These people have beaten me with my own stick. No. 3 (first prisoner) beat me while No. 18 (the second) held me down." On hearing this, guard 26 turned round and said to accused: "You have done a bad thing. You have killed a man." First prisoner replied: "I have assaulted him," whereupon deceased said: "Two men, one man can't do it."

ADMITTED ASSAULT
On his arrival after he had communicated with the Water Police Station, Mr. Bailey found deceased bleeding profusely in the lower part of the body and immediately sent for bandages. Deceased spoke to him in broken English to the effect that they had been fighting, and accused was heard to reply that he made the assault.

Subsequently, deceased was taken to the Queen Mary Hospital where he died shortly after he was admitted. Accused were taken to the Kowloon Hospital and examined. Bruises were found on the first accused and minor scratches on the second. There were bloodstains on their clothing.

TRYED TO INTERVENE
When formally charged, first accused said he had no intention of murdering deceased. The second prisoner remarked that he went there only for the purpose of separating the first accused and deceased. He was sitting outside after having had his meal when he heard a noise. After sounding the alarm bell and informing the Sergeant, he went to the bungalow. He had no enmity against deceased.

At the Magistracy, first accused made a statement in which he said he had a dispute with deceased over the exact amount of money owing to him. Words of abuse were exchanged, and deceased then got up and hit him. He retaliated by taking up a stick and beating deceased with it. He did this to save his own life.

The Crown's case, concluded Counsel, was that accused together administered the beating on deceased, from which he died. The first witness called was Mr. V. A. Carton, of the P.W.D., who produced copies of a plan of the scene of the murder. After Sergeant Crossman had testified to having taken photos of the spot, Dr. C. K. Yu, of the Kowloon Hospital, said he found one bruise and two abrasions on first accused, and two minor scratches on the second.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

EDITOR

To the Editor,
Hongkong Telegraph.

Sir—I have read with considerable interest the report of the Salvation Army Home Annual Meeting, especially the reference to the scoundrels who make a living out of helpless little children.

This nefarious practice is unfortunately all too common, and examples are to be seen in the Colony daily. The ordinary beggars are bad enough, but when able-bodied men and women exploit little suffering children, no punishment can be too severe.

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HUMANITARIAN

Mr.—Your communication scarcely falls into the category of matters of general public interest with which letters to the Editor should deal. You must remember that newspapers obtain their material from reputable sources, in this case the world's best known news agency. The reputation of that agency is one's best defence. You may not believe it possible for the Japanese to suffer even temporary set-backs. But that does not mean that despatches reporting their defeat in various spheres are untrue.

Editor.

JAPANESE DEFEATS

Sir.—I wonder what led Mr. Joe Nagasaki to think that the reports concerning Chinese successes on the Northern fronts were "false." And if they were "false" how on earth could they have been, anyway? One can't go on refuting press reports simply because one does not like them, regardless whether these reports are authentic or otherwise.

"Defeat" may be an ugly and unpleasant thing, but one has got to admit and learn to take it if and when one is really defeated.

Mr. Nagasaki did not seem to be very modest when he remarked that "The Japanese soldiers were destined to be the bravest and the greatest soldiers in the world." Why, they are so brave that even "Napoleon would grow red in the face if he were alive!" Who wouldn't, if one saw the way the Japanese soldiers conducted themselves: They are so extraordinarily brave (if bravery it is) that they even dare commit atrocities after atrocities which no other army in the world would dare do. Indeed, "Brave" is the word for Japanese soldiers.

TAN.

DENIES AUTHORSHIP

Nagasaki Joe, proprietor of the Gloucester Road restaurant bearing his name, informs us that the letter which appeared in the Telegraph yesterday over his name, was not written by him.

IT MUST BE TRUE

Sir.—May I be permitted to make a few remarks on the letter which appeared under a nom de plume in your issue of yesterday's date (March 23rd.)?

The writer denied the news that Chinese have made considerable successes in the North China battle during these few days. I can not tell whether this writer can actually understand English or not, for the news in favour of the Chinese is published in both Chinese and foreign papers and is duly confirmed by Reuter, United Press and many others. If the news supplied by these news agencies of neutral countries were not true then the news (similarly given by the aforesaid agencies) of the fall of Nanking and Shanghai must be profound absurdities. The writer of yesterday also said that "The Europeans in Hongkong do not realize the greatness of our soldiers." What greatness? If ruthlessness, cruelty, widespread destruction of lives and properties of innocent civilians are their "greatness", then they have actually dragged the mantle of their own Samsara in the mud and have cast their own famed Bushido (their boasted creed of chivalrous conduct) into the gutter. Fortunately our soldiers are now giving them a severe blow and all the facts are known throughout the world.

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JAPANESE KEPT ON THE RUN

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encircle the Japanese forces who are stubbornly resisting.

It is stated that the Japanese are attempting to protect their rear by retreating from Chuhshien to Yishul, and to prevent the Chinese from advancing westwards towards the Tientsin-Pukow railway line, and thereby threatening the Japanese troops operating in the vicinity of Hanchow.

Attack North Bank Of Yellow River

Turning to the Shanghai front, the spokesman said that Chinese troops crossed the Yellow River on Monday and attacked Japanese forces on the north bank in the vicinity of Pingtu, under cover of artillery. Fighting was going on in the vicinity of Pingtu.

Gunfire was audible yesterday at Kaifeng when about 900 Japanese at Fengchui, on the north bank of the Yellow River, opposite to Kaifeng, were attacked by Chinese mobile units. The spokesman declared that, following the arrival of Japanese reinforcements, the Chinese mobile troops retired.

Japanese troops at Maozingtu and Yunchu, in north-west Honan, are retreating eastward along the north bank of the river towards the Ping-Hankow railway in the direction of Kinslung. The later is at present being attacked by the Chinese who are moving north along the railway.

GOVERNMENT CONCERNED BY OIL DISPUTE

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day. They carried banners which denounced American imperialism, while the marchers hissed American tourists and bystanders. Troops and police maintained order.

The parade, which was headed by bands and a drum corps, revealed antipathy to all foreigners, especially Americans. Some groups shouted: "One, two, three, four, The Gringos are going."

A delegation of Cubans carried a banner which read: "Cuba, who is a victim of the American imperialism, is following Mexico's example."

Another group carried a black coffin on which were white letters: "Here lie the petroleum companies." They burned the coffin in front of the Excelsior newspaper office, while speakers assailed the reactionary press.

Three aeroplanes manoeuvred over the parade, in which Stalinist and Trotskyist Communists joined.

GOVERNMENT TO MAKE FULL PAYMENT

Mexico City, Mar. 23. President Cardenosa, speaking to the demonstration of workers, said that the Mexican Government recognises its obligations for full payment to the foreign oil companies for expropriation.

He added that he did not fear intervention of any kind. The country would be able to resist intervention in whatever form.—Reuter.

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The communiqué further stated that the Prime Minister indicated that the proper way in which any necessary discussion should be arranged would be between employers and the Trade Unions concerned in that particular section of industry affected.

—Reuter.

TO INFORM DOMINIONS

London, Mar. 23. The final draft of the vital declaration of policy which the Prime Minister, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, will make in the House of Commons to-morrow, was discussed by the Cabinet this morning. It is understood that the contents of the statement will be communicated to the Dominions after the meeting.—Reuter.

WARTIME REGISTRATION

London, Mar. 23. A question was addressed to the Prime Minister in the House of Commons to-night as to whether, in order to facilitate the mobilisation of the services of the entire nation upon the outbreak of a war, it was his intention to introduce a system of universal registration.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain replied: "A scheme of compulsory national registration in wartime, if the Government so decides, has been in existence for some years. Proposals for compulsory registration in peace time have also been considered, but on balance, the advantages to be derived therefrom have been found to be outweighed by the difficulties."

He was further asked what steps it was proposed to take in view of the deterioration of the international situation to accelerate Britain's defence preparations, and whether he intended to create a Ministry of Supply. The Prime Minister said a short statement on defence would be made in connection with foreign policy, and added that as at present advised, he did not consider acceleration would result from the establishment of a Ministry of Supply.—British Wireless.

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MANY SURPRISE RESULTS IN HOMESIDE FOOTBALL

WOLVES BEATEN BY MIDDLESBRO ON OWN GROUND

KILMARNOCK THROUGH IN SCOTTISH CUP RE-PLAY

London, Mar. 23. Home teams had a bad time generally in the football matches played both in England and Scotland to-day, only two out of seven succeeding in winning despite the advantage of grounds.

The two successful home teams were Rangers and Motherwell, who won their matches in the First Division of the Scottish League against Arbroath and St. Johnstone, respectively.

In the English League, the Wolverhampton Wanderers lost valuable ground in their race for championship honours when, before their own supporters, they were beaten by Middlesbrough by a solitary goal.

Both replays in the fourth round of the Scottish Cup ended in victories for the away teams. Kilmarnock beating Ayr United by five clear goals, and East Fife accounting for Ruth Rovers by the odd goal in five.

RESULTS:

ENGLISH LEAGUE
First Division
Wolves 0 Middlesbrou 1
Third Division (South)
Aldershot 1 Brighton 2

SCOTTISH CUP (FOURTH ROUND REPLAYS)

Ayr U. 0 Kilmarnock 5
Ruth R. 2 East Fife 2

SCOTTISH LEAGUE

First Division
Rangers 3 Arbroath 1
Falkirk 0 St. Mirren 2
Motherwell 3 St. Johnstone 1

SCOTTISH CUP'S REVISED DRAW

The following is the revised draw of the Scottish Cup semi-finals, which will be played on April 2:

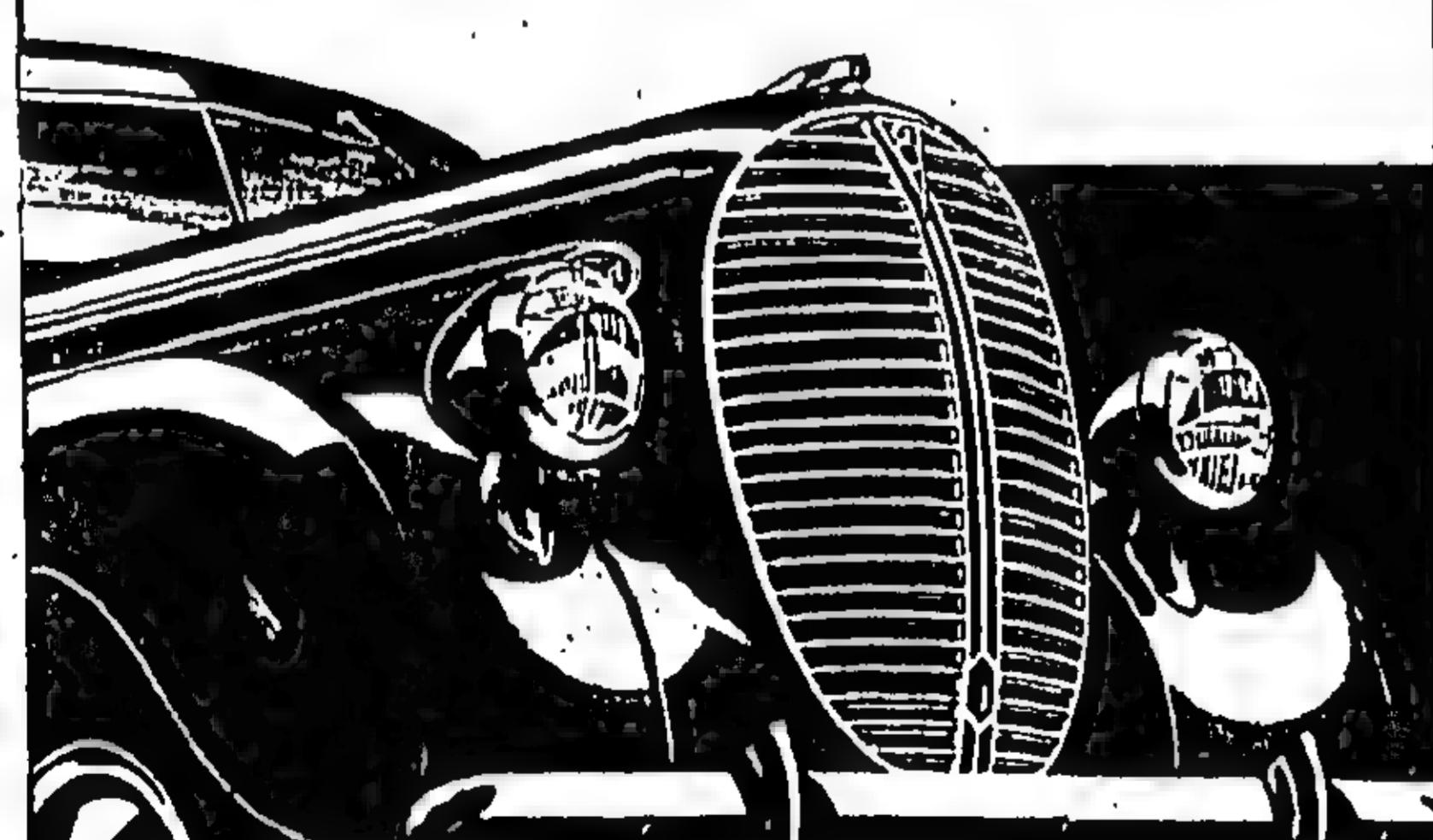
St. Bernards v. East Fife (at Tynecastle Park, Edinburgh)
Kilmarnock v. Rangers (at Hampden Park, Glasgow)

—Reuter.

RUGBY WIN FOR ST. MARY'S

London, Mar. 23. In the Hospitals' Rugby Cup final played to-day, St. Mary's defeated Guy's easily, winning by 18 points to nil. —Reuter.

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Weekly Hockey Notes By "The Pilgrim"



STRING FOR HIS RACKET.—Bryan (Betsy) Grant of Atlanta, right, one of the leading contenders in the Miami Biltmore tennis tournament at Coral Gables, Fla., gets a new string for his racket from Lloyd Budge, club professional. Lloyd is an older brother of Don Budge, winner of American and Wimbledon tennis titles.

Bowls Association Annual Meeting

The annual general meeting of the Hongkong Lawn Bowls Association will be held in the board-room of the South China Morning Post, Ltd., to-day at 5.30 p.m. Lawn bowlers are requested to attend.

C. B. FRY ON TEST PROSPECTS

"We Have The Men To Beat Australia"

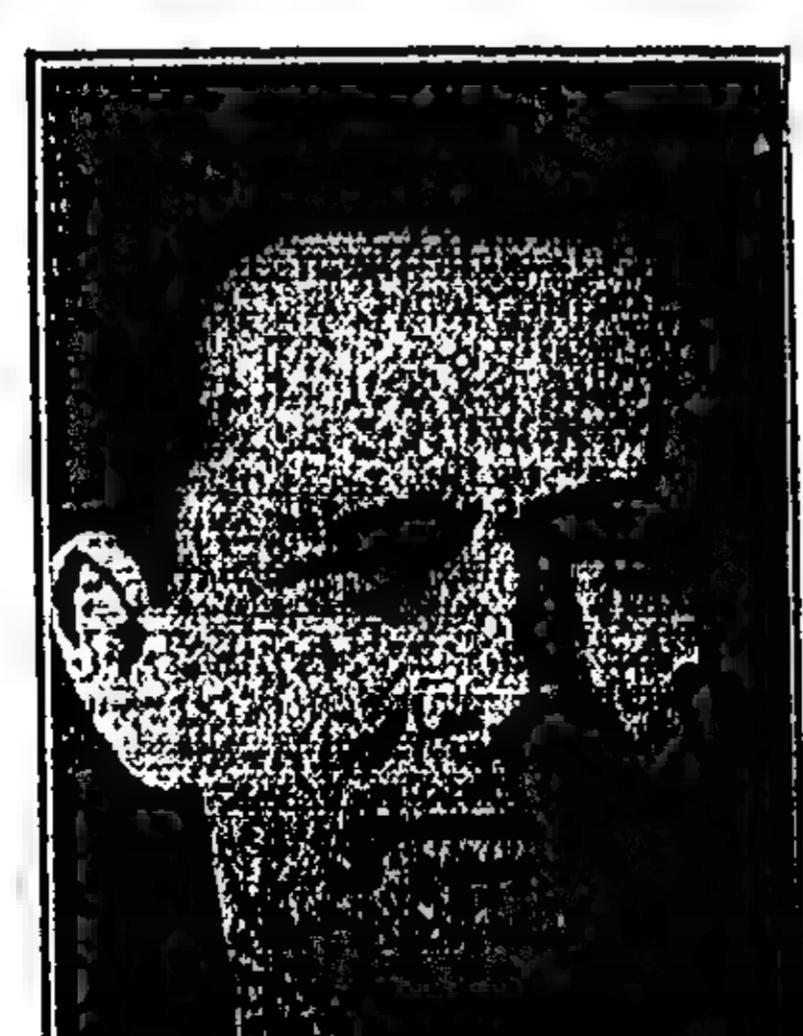
"We have fine prospects of beating Australia unless we fritter them away," declares C. B. Fry. He proceeds:

"We have the men. Batsmen—W. R. Hammond, Barnett, Hardstaff, Leyland, Paynter, Hutton, Compton, Edrich and N. W. D. Yardley, to name some names. All-rounders—G. O. Allen, R. W. V. Robins, F. R. Brown and Verity. Bowlers—Vocu, K. Barnes, Bowes and Goddard. A premier batsman-wicketkeeper in Ames; another in P. A. Gibb; and another wicketkeeper in C. H. Maxwell.

"This as a start; and other names suggest themselves.

"Now for details. Barnett and Hutton are the best opening pair. The idea that Barnett is better lower down I reject. When did he fail in Australia against these very bowlers? If a punishing bat likes going in first, and he makes runs there first, is the place for him.

"I think that no-one who saw the Tests and the State matches in Australia would suggest putting Hammond in first. There is a plump good reason which I will not give away except to say that such an alteration would play straight into the Don's hands."



CECIL SMITH, of Texas, given new 10-goal rating at top of American polo.

NOTES OF CURRENT INTEREST

E. L. Gosano, the well-known Interport left back, is fast recovering from his knee injury sustained at cricket a few months ago, and he hopes to play in representative games very soon.

INSPECTOR L. TYLER, the popular and energetic Hon. Secretary of the United Hockey Clubs, will be leaving for home via Canada on furlough at the end of April. So far the Tournament has proved very successful and if the fixtures are completed by the time he sails, he will have every reason to be proud of such a useful and splendid achievement.

NEXT Saturday afternoon the Hongkong Ladies and St. Andrew's will meet at King's Park to decide the runners-up position in the Caer Clark Cup League. I hear Hongkong will be without the services of three of their best players. Although reserves will have to be called upon, the H.K. Ladies are capable of fielding a formidable side, and an interesting encounter is assured. It has leaked out that the Saints are confident of victory. I wish them luck.

MRS. S. GARDNER, the Secretary and Vice-Captain of the "Y" Ladies senior eleven, is at present in Shanghai on a short holiday. She hopes to be back in a fortnight's time to assist the champions in their match against the Rest of the Caer Clark Cup League.

THE first Interport trial is to take place on the Club ground, King's Park, next Sunday morning and the teams have since been announced. I would like to remind the Selectors to keep an eye on Sgt. Robinson, the England and R.A.F. right back. He is only mentioned as a reserve, but in combination with Stickle (Mid-

Mrs. M. Read played a splendid game as leader of the "Y" attack last Saturday.

by 2-0 at King's Park last Saturday in the last match of the Caer Clark Cup competition.

The "Y" forwards showed good form in the early stages and within 10 minutes a nice movement initiated by Mrs. Read saw Miss M. Smith give her side the lead.

Miss P. Whitley, Miss I. Woolley and Miss Clever deflected splendidly for the C.B.A., but they could not keep out the eager "Y" forwards, and 15 minutes later Miss V. Bradbury, who had been doing some splendid work on the right wing, increased the advantage after a solo effort, beating Miss Moss with a terrific drive.

Except for a few raids just before the interval arrived, the C.B.A. attack was seldom in the picture.

GAME MORE EVEN

In the second period, the champions looked as if they were going to have things their own way, but the strong opposition put up by the C.B.A. defence completely changed the aspect of the game. Miss Whitley and Miss Everest, well-supported by the halves, Misses I. Woolley, Parsons and Clever, hampered the "Y" attack. Miss Moss was also clever with her feet. Except for spasmodic individual raids made by Mrs. White and Miss Best, the C.B.A. were continually on the defensive. Mrs. White played a lone game as leader of her side, receiving very little assistance from her inside forwards.

The two most prominent players in the champions' attack was Mrs. Read and Miss V. Bradbury. The former played a sterling game at centre-forward and though she was well-marked, made many fine movements. The latter was the finest of the wingers and very often beat the opposition with her speed before sending across her perfect raking centres.

Miss Tonge, Miss McCaw and Mrs. Henry, in the intermediate line, were always a force to be reckoned with. Mrs. Burke was safe at right

The Selectors should keep a keen eye on Sgt. Robinson, the R.A.F. and English right back.

they form the best pair of backs the Colony can produce. One trial is quite sufficient for the selection of the Interport XI, which should be matched against a combined United Clubs' team before the Colony game.

LADIES' LEAGUE games for Saturday:

BRAWN CUP

C.B.S. "A" v. C.B.A. (C.B.S. ground, 3 p.m.)

Recreo. v. C.B.S. "B" (C.B.A. ground, 3 p.m.)

CAER CLARK CUP REPLAY

St. Andrew's v. H.K. Ladies.

THIS afternoon on the Y.M.C.A. ground, the "Y" Ladies will meet the C.B.A. ladies in a Brawn Cup fixture at 5 p.m.

AS the winners v. Rest games will probably take place next Saturday week, my nominations for the Rest teams are:

CAER CLARK CUP

Mrs. Lunson (H.K. Ladies); Miss (H.K. Ladies); Miss J. Wong (Saints), (H.K. Ladies); Miss J. Wong (Saints),

Miss B. Pope (H.K. Ladies); Miss I. Woolley (C.B.A.); Miss F. Wong (Saints), —Miss E. Churn (Saints),

Mrs. M. White (C.B.A.); Miss P. Gitlins (Saints) and Miss D. Hunt (C.B.A.).

BRAWN CUP

Miss J. Hall (Saints); Miss J. Broadbridge (Saints), Miss O. Botelho (Recreo); Miss Silva (Recreo),

Mrs. Gunby (Seafarers); Miss Lawson (Saints); Miss V. Churn (Saints),

Miss E. Ho (Saints), Miss V. Bradbury (C.B.A.); Miss S. Roberts (Saints) and Miss M. Remedios (Recreo).

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DAVIS CUP PLAYERS ARRIVE

Japanese Net Stars On Way To Europe

Accompanied by Mr. Tamio Abe, a tennis star of former days and now captain and coach, two Japanese Davis Cup players, Fumitaka Nakano and Yasumino Kuramitsu, arrived in Hongkong shortly after noon to-day from Japan by the N.Y.K. liner *Terukuni Maru*.

The Japanese stars are on their way to Europe before going to America to play in the American Zone of the Davis Cup competition. Jiro Yamagishi, Japan's leading player and last year's captain, is not with the team; he will leave Japan in June and will proceed direct to the United States.

White Nakano already has had some experience of Davis Cup play—he was a member of Japan's team last year—this is Kuramitsu's first opportunity of representing his country in an international competition. He is a student at the Kwansai University.

Asked recently how far he thought Japan would go in the series, Mr. Abe, who is a professor of English and philosophy at Waseda University, said "I believe we can beat Canada, but Australia will be a tough customer."

As regards the other countries, Mr. Abe said, "The Australians will give the German team a good battle in the inter-zone play-offs."

"America will win the Cup, no doubt, with Don Budge."

It was hoped that the weather would clear up to-day to enable Nakano and Kuramitsu to have a knock-up during their short stay in the Colony, but with all local grass courts in a sodden condition, it is doubtful whether they will be able to do so. The ship sails to-morrow.

MACAO'S GOVERNOR WARMLY WELCOMED ON OFFICIAL VISIT

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Police launches provided an escort as H.E. Dr. Barbosa accompanied by Lieut.-Col. J. Vieira, private secretary, and Lieut. B. de Rio de Abreu, entered the Britannia and set off for the Pier.

H.E. Sir Geoffrey, preceded by the Motor-cycle Machine Gun section of the H.K.V.D.C., had arrived at the Pier five minutes before the Britannia returned bearing the distinguished visitor.

A Guard of Honour drawn from the Royal Scots, complete with band, provided a lively sight despite the threatening weather.

GOVERNORS MEET

Two Governors met on the landing stage and cordially shook hands, a few words of greeting being exchanged before H.E. Dr. Barbosa was introduced to the large gathering of representatives of official and civilian life of the Colony waiting to meet him. These preliminaries took some time during which the band played appropriate music.

H.E. the Governor of Macao then inspected the Guard of Honour and said the Guard of Honour was a lively pleasure to me. I have always been charmed by the bounding gracefulness of the British reception of me in Hongkong; by several of your distinguished predecessors as Governors of Hongkong, with some of whom I am happy to think I maintain contact to this day by private correspondence; and by the invariable and unwavering courtesies of the high officers of your Government.

No less appreciative am I of the friendship I enjoy among the British and foreign members of the mercantile community, and last but not least, my own nationals, whose sense of civic duty in this British colony fills me with pride.

I feel truly happy to be in Hongkong again, to see for myself and to be able to sense the material development of your extraordinary growth and the pulsating throb with dynamic force behind it of your great industries. I feel sure Hongkong will continue to grow and expand under Your Excellency's wise guidance and the liberal spirit of your administration.

Sir Geoffrey Northcote, once again I thank you very heartily for myself in the name of the Colony of Macao. (Applause).

Present at the luncheon were: H.E. Major-General A. W. Bartholomew, Commodore E. B. C. Dicken representing Vice-Admiral Sir Percy Noble, Flight-Lieut. A. C. Watt, O.C. R.A.F., Kad Tak, Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith, Colonial Secretary, Bishop H. Valtorta, Bishop R. O. Hall, H.H. Sir Arthur MacGregor, the entire body of the Executive and Legislative Councils, Mr. A. B. Laborinho, Consul for Portugal, Brigadier A. B. Thompson, Col. N. M. S. Irwin and senior Naval, Military and Royal Air Force officers, Mr. Justice R. E. Lindsell, Mr. D. J. Sloss, Mr. J. A. Fraser, Sir Vaneader Grayburn, Mr. C. R. Sayer, Mr. W. Schofield, Mr. E. W. Hamilton, Mr. Leo D'Almada e Castro, Mr. P. Braga, Mr. P. M. N. da Silva, Dr. R. A. de Castro Basto, Mr. F. Almada Remedios, Mr. Gomes, Mr. E. Leitao, and others.

GOVERNOR SPEAKS

During the luncheon at Government House, H. E. Sir Geoffrey Northcote said: Your Excellencies, Your Honours, Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is with a high sense of honour and deep pleasure that we welcome His Excellency, Doctor Tamagnini Barbosa, Governor of Macao to Hongkong to-day, and that not for the first time. In every place in the British Empire we regard it as a privilege that a representative of the Government of the nation whom we are proud to call "our oldest ally" should pay us a visit, but nowhere is that sentiment more deeply or more warmly felt than in this Colony. For we are fully aware that our neighbour, the Colony of Macao, was established long before we British held a square inch of land in the Pacific and that for the best part of three centuries British merchants trading with Canton found a home and a refuge in that Colony of Portugal. To the gallant Colonists who preceded us to these waters and gave us asylum there we owe and gladly admit a lasting debt of gratitude, which is certainly no less strong in difficult times such as these. It is on such foundations that the loyal and ancient friendship between our two countries rests.

To the toast of Your Excellency's health we lift our glasses with especial cordiality; we are indeed happy to see you among us and happier still to know that you propose to stay a few days on our beautiful island. If anything could add to our pleasure it would be the hope that on some future occasion we may again be honoured by your presence on our shores. We wish you all the success that your wise and able administration of your Colony deserves, bidding you at the same time the heartiest welcome to Hongkong. Your Excellency, Your Honours, Ladies and Gentlemen, I ask you to rise and drink to the health of His Excellency, Doctor Tamagnini Barbosa, Governor of Macao.

The toast was taken with acclamation.

FRANCO READY FOR NEW DRIVE

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batteries replied vigorously to the insurgent fire.—United Press.

INSURGENTS CROSS EBRO RIVER

Saragossa, Mar. 23.

Insurgent troops drove across the Ebro River and pointed a new spearhead to the Catalonian border. Bombers dropped tons of explosives on the Loyalist positions on the left bank of the river, while heavy artillery shelled a 20-mile Loyalist front, wrecking machine gun nests.

The Loyalists began to withdraw, and the Nationalists crossed the river by boat bridges, and by 2 p.m. to-day were established on the left bank of the river.—United Press.

COOLIES INJURED AT R.A.S.C. DEPOT

Two Chinese coolies, Lam Ling and Lee Yat, were taken to the Queen Mary Hospital with body injuries when a box of ammunition which they were carrying fell on them at the Royal Army Service Corps Depot.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

The Hongkong Stock Exchange report official summary, issued at 12.30 p.m. yesterday, says:

Quiet conditions prevailed during the short session, buyers are in evidence, but sellers display no inclination to lower their ideas of prices.

The Manila market is reported dull, though such quotations as have come through show only slight changes either way.

Buyers

Hongkong Bank \$1,515
Bank of East Asia \$80
Union Insurance \$50
Underwriters \$210
Douglas \$67

H.K. & W. Docks \$334

Provident (Old) \$143

H.K. & S. Co. \$65

Chinese Estates \$95

H.K. Tramways \$154

Star Journals \$64

China Lights (New) \$10.10

Sandakan Lights \$14.25

Watsons \$216, ex. div.

Sinceres \$220

Constructions \$174

Marmans (H.K.) \$1,750

Sellers

Cements \$1714

Vibro Piling \$514

Hongkong Bank \$1,810/20

Union Insurance \$530

H.K. & W. Docks \$34

H.K. Tramways \$174/20

China Lights \$12

H.K. Electric \$804

Antamoks \$9

Bangku Gold \$1

Benguet Consol \$60

Coco Grove \$100

China Journals \$11

Demolitions \$314

I.X. L. \$70

Parasol Glumus \$30

San Matador \$1

Ships \$18

United Parcels \$1

To-day's Tennis Cancelled

It was hoped to resume the Colony Tennis Championships to-day, but overnight rain has rendered the Hongkong C.C. courts unfit for play this afternoon. If conditions permit, the tournaments may resume to-morrow.

POSSIBLE SCORED AT LONG RANGE

Good Conditions For Mid Week Shoot

At the mid-week spoon and practice shoot held by the Hongkong Rifle Association on the Army Ranges at Kowloon City yesterday afternoon, Surg.-Lt. J. B. Mackie, H.K.N.V.F., easily won the spoon in the S.R. (b) class with the fine score of 99 points, which included for the first time for many weeks past, a brilliant "possible" at 600 yards.

Conditions on the whole were favourable, for the wind was steady both in strength and direction, while the light, though dull, was constant throughout. Between 80 and 90 members of the Association took part in the shoot.

The programme for the shoot on Sunday morning next has now been issued to the Honorary Secretaries of all affiliated units and clubs, and if any member of the Association has not yet seen a copy, he should apply without delay to his club or unit representative, and in the case of members of the China Fleet, to Lieut. R. F. Jenks, R.N., H.M.S. Medway. With the permission of the Council the retiring Honorary Secretary is presenting a special prize list of 100 prizes, divided equally between those shooting with the S.R. (a) and S.R. (b) rifles, and for which no additional entry fee is being charged, all shooting being concurrent with that for the spoon shoot. Three team matches are also taking place, as well as revolver and claybird events.

In view of the imminence of the prize meeting, it is thought possible that the number of members attending the shoot on Sunday next will be larger than ever before, and for this reason shooting will commence between 8.20 a.m. and 8.30 a.m., and not at 8.40 a.m. as stated in the programme of shooting for that morning.

The result of the spoon shoot held at Stonewallers last Saturday was as follows: S.R. (b) P.O. H. Richards, R.M. (handicap) spoon. In the S.R. (a) series there were not enough competitors to warrant the award of a spoon. There will be no spoon shoot next Saturday, in view of the shooting on Sunday morning.

Individual full membership of the Association is steadily growing, although not naturally in the spectacular fashion which was the case recently. It is now 718, compared with 388 on January 1.

The leading scores made yesterday were as follows:

200 500 600 ARK.

Surg.-Lt. J. B. Mackie (S.R.) 31 33 35 99

P.O. H. Richards (S.R.) 32 32 32 98

Lieut. H. F. Jenks (S.R.) 31 33 32 95

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The robustness of M. Duhamel's genius—yes, genius is the considered word—is proved by the fact that this summary is neither gloomy nor cynical.

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LAUGHING ODYSSEY

By Eileen Bigland
(Hodder and Stoughton, 12s. 6d.)

SOMEWHERE toward the end of this book the author remarks that she didn't envy the Intourist man at Shepetovka. But long before I got to that point, I had decided that I didn't envy the Intourist men anywhere.

The Intourist man at Shepetovka had only to cope with two or three Czechs, a couple of Frenchmen, a Spaniard and an American go-getter, all of whom were faced with the problem of waiting 23 hours and 50 minutes for the next train to Warsaw. ("Every train in Russia is 23 hours and 50 minutes late, Citizenship!")

The Intourist men everywhere are faced with the problem of Eileen Bigland. For this *Laughing Odyssey* threatens their future. It is as good as a trip to the land of the Soviets, with none of the dangers alleged to accompany such an adventure.

It gets under the skins of the Russians and pokes fun at their extraordinary childhoods before acknowledging their extraordinary achievements. And it is written in a style as refreshing as half-time lemons to a Cup Final team.

A man is less fortunate. Whether he wants to make a wireless set or a cigarette-box, a bookshelf or a suite of dining-room furniture, he is bound to make a mess, and he cannot easily put everything away when he is not working. A man's workshop may vary between a corner of the kitchen table that is not wanted for domestic purposes, and a full-sized workshop with a bench, a lathe and all the equipment of a cabinet-maker or metal-worker.

And, perhaps, because her love for Russia "has nothing to do with politics," she survived to say that this was the happiest summer of her life.

There is, amant the train delay at Shepetovka, a delicious story told to the author by a fellow-traveller (or he would have been a fellow-traveller if there had been a train to travel in):

"I got out at a station where we stopped for half an hour, and they asked me to go back and speak to a Chinese labourer who was sitting contemplating his navel like Buddha.

"He said 'Me Wong Foo-Foo: me come San Tung: me waited for train home twenty years.' He was a lonely fellow.

"Come to work on the railway. Lost his parents—and has been there since. He's got a Russian wife and two children. He can't understand them and they can't understand him."

"But what's twenty-three hours and fifty minutes besides twenty years?"

Which sums up pretty accurately the spirit of *Laughing Odyssey*. There are many reasons why this book should be read: not the least of them is that throughout its 307 pages there is not one group of statistics.

A record, I think. S. E. R. W.

THE PHENIX FLAME

By Desmond Ryan
(Arthur Barker, 10s. 6d.)

THOSE who are interested in the stormy history of Ireland—and that, of course, means those who are interested in the history of Ireland—could do many worse things than read this book.

John Devoy is the outstanding figure, but that famous and colourful Irish-American is by no means the only romantic or conspiratorial man who fills these pages with exciting happenings. There are Michael Davitt, Burke, Lord Frederick Cavendish, Parnell and a host of others.

This is a story and a study of the Fenians. It has both politics and excitement—two words which are not always synonymous. One chapter heading gives a clue to one part of the interest of the book: "Plotters, Bunglers and Martyrs."

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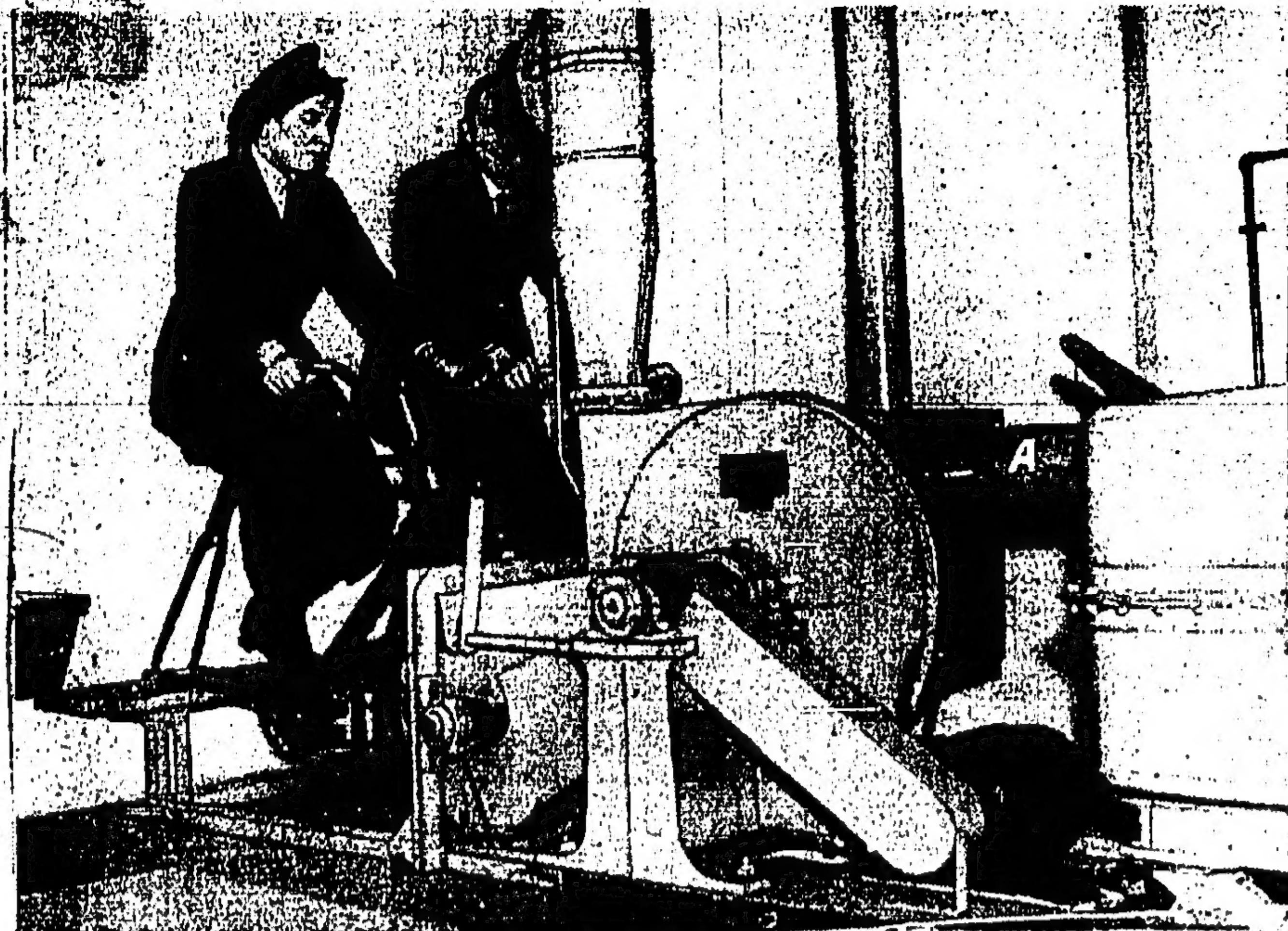
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IN PICTURES
FROM FAR AND NEAR

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PHOTONEWS

HAPPENINGS
AS SEEN BY
THE CAMERA'S EYE



In the basement of the Yorkshire Penny Bank in Cheapside, London, a completely equipped gas-proof shelter for the use of the staff in case of air raids has been constructed. The plant which is seen above, supplies air which is purified before entering the chamber. Two persons can pedal the air filtration plant in the shelter.



Most recent picture of a royal family, is this interesting group taken in Sofia, Bulgaria. It is a picture of King Boris and his family. With him are Queen Giovanna, daughter of King Victor Emmanuel of Italy, Princess Marie Louisa and Crown Prince Simeon. During his long searching for a queen, the King was called the "lonely bachelor monarch."



German Countess Arco broke her engagement 37 years ago to Major Ralph Harding Peto and married Prince Lichnowsky. The Prince died in 1928 and recently the Princess married her former sweetheart in London, as above.

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09.40	09.40	12.50	LY SHIABI	Lv	15.45	15.00
10.15	10.40	13.50	LY CHIANG	Lv	14.45	10.05
12.40	13.00	14.00	LY WANHSIEN	Lv	12.25	13.50
14.20	14.00	15.00	LY CHUNKING	Lv	10.30	09.30

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15.10	15.10	15.10	LY CHUNKING	Ar	16.30	10.00
17.10	17.10	17.10	LY CHENGTU	Lv	12.30	14.30

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SANTHIA	8,000	7th May.	DO.
TALMA	10,000	21st May.	DO.

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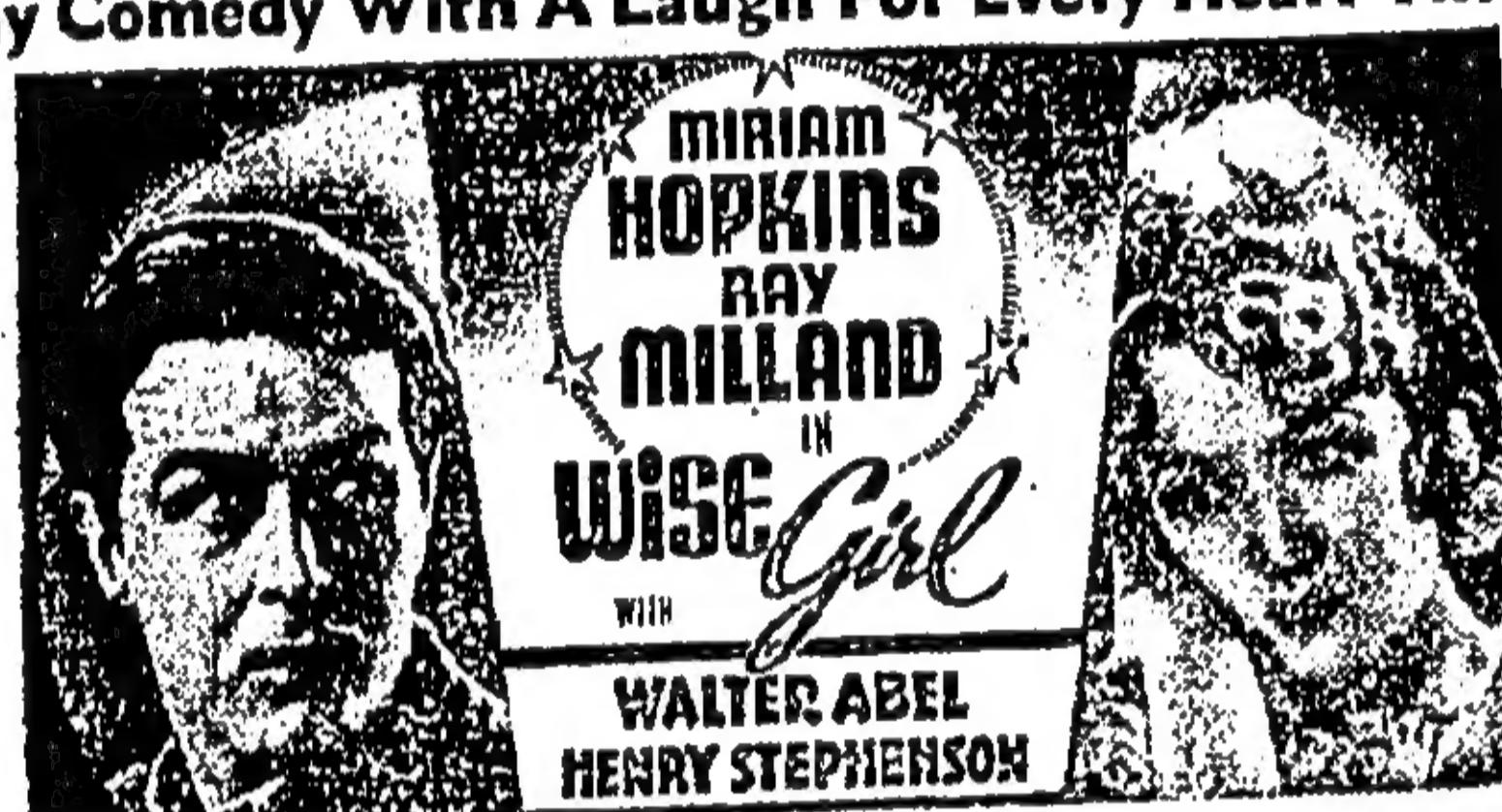
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Tests Defences

Prague, Mar. 23. It is reported that the German Christian Social Party, holding six seats in the Lower Chamber, and their Cabinet representative, Herr Erwin Zajicek, who is a Minister without portfolio, will withdraw from the Government coalition.

However, it is not expected that they will join the Sudeten, although they will probably co-operate with Herr Konrad Henlein, Sudeten leader, concerning problems of the German Minorities.

Meanwhile, the largest aerial defence exercises in the history of the nation are in progress. Artificial fog, representing gas, obscured Prague for hours, while planes attacked the capital and elsewhere in Bohemia, testing defences of gas works, water works and other vital spots.—United Press.

Danube Patrol In
German Hands

Vienna, Mar. 23. Germans have taken over a fleet of patrol boats on the Danube, which previously belonged to the Austrian army.

Herr Adolf Hitler has ordered the formation of a Danubian patrol under the control of the German navy.—Reuter Bulletin.

Czecho-Slovakian
Bonds Crash

London, Mar. 23. Czecho-Slovakian bonds crashed to-day, unsettling the entire list of Exchange Market funds.

The collapse is attributed to Britain's decision to withhold aid for Czecho-Slovakia together with the situation in internal politics of the country.—United Press.

TIENTSEN
EXCHANGE
DISORDER

Tientsin, Mar. 24. Yesterday's Peiping reports to the effect that banks affiliated to the Federal Reserve Bank were transacting limited foreign exchange on the basis of 1/2d have hitherto remained unsubstantiated.

Local banks decline to sell against Federal notes, alleging that no instructions have been received.

It is rumoured that negotiations are in progress whereby "daylight" may be seen in the distant future, but at present the position is unchanged, with no cover available against Federal notes.—Reuter.

Franco May
Send Diplomat
To Hsinking

Shanghai, Mar. 24. General Francisco Franco, the Spanish Insurgent leader, has informally advised Manchukuo of his intention to appoint a diplomatic representative to Hsinking, according to Japanese reports reaching here.

Mutual recognition was extended by Manchukuo and General Franco's regime on December 1, 1937.—Reuter.

DENY ANGLO-
JAPANESE
AGREEMENT

Shanghai, Mar. 24. In connection with reports circulated by an American news agency that "Japanese sources are alleging that the British Ambassador, Sir Archibald Clark Kerr and Mr. Masayuki Tani, Japanese Minister at Large, are nearing an agreement on their respective interests in North and South China", the British Embassy yesterday issued the following statement:

"Sir Archibald Clark Kerr and Mr. Tani have held numerous conversations recently, discussing local matters, but no negotiations of any general character are either being conducted or are in prospect."—Reuter.

JAPANESE BURN
JUNK NEAR H.K.

The destruction of a junk outside Hongkong has been reported by Lau Siu, master of junk No. 1920H. He states that on March 19 while at Ko So, Hal San district, Chinese territory, a Japanese warship with the number 20 painted on its side, approached and fired upon the junk. Thirty sailors then boarded the junk and after forcing the crew into a sampan, covered the junk with gasoline and set it on fire. The Chinese returned to the Colony by sampan.

The estimated damage was \$4,000.

ANTI-NAZI
PLOT
UNMASKEDMany Arrests Made
In Berlin

Berlin, Mar. 23. The secret police have succeeded in tracking down the organisers of the German Freedom Party, following months of effort to discover the authors of mysterious wireless messages and pamphlets urging the people to overthrow the Nazis.

It is reliably learned that 40 men and women have been arrested, belonging to all classes, including two editors, a former Reichstag Deputy, and some civil servants.

They await trial in the dreaded People's Court on a charge of high treason.—Reuter.

PREPARED REPLY
TO WASHINGTON

Tokyo, Mar. 24. Japan is formally replying to the American note regarding indemnification for the sinking of the Panay and destruction of oil tankers in the Yangtse River, at an early date, it was announced by the Foreign Office last night.

The Foreign Office is in touch with the Ministries concerned.—Reuter.

VATICAN
PROTESTS
TO FRANCOPriests Killed And
Churches Sacked

Vatican City, Mar. 23. His Holiness the Pope has sent an appeal to the insurgents in Spain regarding the bombardments of Barcelona in which a large number of civilians were killed.

The urgent appeal is made on the Pope's own initiative and is independent of the action of other Powers.

A previous appeal made by the Pope last month received a favourable reply from General Francisco Franco, Insurgent leader.

The Pope also pointed out the atrocities suffered by Catholic priests and churches.

It is stated that 20 priests were killed when the insurgents entered Teruel, while the two churches which remained standing were sacked by Insurgent troops.—Reuter Bulletin.

PROMISE OF WITHDRAWAL

London, Mar. 23. It is reliably reported that Italy has promised Britain to withdraw all Italian troops from Spain "after the Nationalists' victory is assured," and providing Britain recognises Ethiopia without waiting for the League of nations' assent.—United Press.

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Leave ViennaDaedalus Held
Up By Bad
Weather

Because adverse weather conditions have held up the Daedalus in Hongkong, inward airmail from London and Australia which should have arrived to-day will probably not arrive until Saturday.

The Daedalus, which was to have brought the mail from Bangkok to Hongkong, is still at Kai Tak. She is expected to depart for Bangkok at 11 o'clock this morning, and cannot possibly return until Saturday.

There is a slim possibility that the Dorado, which is to be brought back into the Hongkong service pending repairs to the Daedalus, may be able to arrive here to-morrow, but no news to this effect has been received yet.

KNOCKED DOWN
BY MOTOR CARS

Chan Hing-chol was taken to the Kowloon Hospital for treatment to jaw injuries received when knocked down by a motor car at Shanghai Street, near Mongkok Road.

Lan Chi-cheung, a small Chinese boy, was knocked down by a taxi at Lower Peak Tram Station. He sustained slight face and leg injuries.

RECRUITING BEST SINCE WAR

London, March 23. Recruiting for the British Army during last week totalled 679, an increase of 68 per cent over the corresponding week of last year, and the highest in this particular week since the War.—Reuter Bulletin.

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